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~Raising Children While Being an Adventurer~

- Part 3 -

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CHAPTER 61

RISNER FAMILY

When we move to the dining room, Cedric-san's family was already waiting there.

"This is my wife Olivie"

"I'm Olivie. Welcome and thank you for coming"

"I'm sorry for intruding. My name is Takumi"

"These are my sons Theodore and Latis. They are nine and seven years old. We also have a daughter, but I have not called her here because she's still young"

Cedric-san introduces me his wife and two sons.

His wife is a gentle looking woman with chestnut colored hair and blue eyes. It looks like a picture when she stands next to Cedric-san, and they seem like a couple that gets along very well.

The eldest son Theodore-kun has silver hair, and green eyes after his father and the younger brother Latis-kun has chestnut hair and grayish blue eyes after the mother? They both inherit their parent's traits in such way.

They also seem to have a daughter that will become two years old as well as these two sons.

"Hello, I'm Theodore"

"I'm Latis. Hello"

"Hello. I'm Takumi. These children are Allen and Elena. Hey, are you two not going to say hello?"

"...Allen"

"...Elena"

I kneeled down matching Theodore-kun's and Latis-kun's eyes, took out Allen and Elena who were hiding behind my back and incited them for the greetings.

Thereupon, Allen and Elena told just their names in faint voices and immediately

sneaked behind my back.

This is... not frightened or anything, right?... Are they being shy?

Even though Allen and Elena saw children close to their age before, they have never had such face-to-face conversation before, so they are apparently nervous.

But, they seem to have interest as they are peeking at Theodore-kun and Latis-kun from behind my back.

“Theodore-kun, Latis-kun, I’m sorry. They are shy of people they meet for the first time you see... if you’d like, please get along with them, okay?”

“ “Yes” “

“Ara, ara, that’s the way children are”

I’m glad that everyone of the Risner family doesn’t seem to mind. However, a little more normal greetings are necessary.

“Well then, come this way please”

“Thank you very much”

When our introductions end, this is a nobility! We have been guided to a long table that was shouting such feeling.

The individual seats have been prepared beforehand, but there were two chairs stuffed on both sides of the seat that I was shown to.

They were, of course, Allen’s and Elena’s seats.

That’s right, isn’t it~ having a meal with people they see for the first time in a place like this, it would be naturally impossible for them to separate from me.

Therefore, I’m very thankful for this arrangement.

Did Cedric-san give such instructions? As expected, he doesn’t overlook the details~

The meal was harbor-ish, a soup full of marine products and bread. The main dish was sauteed of some kind of a white fish. It had salty taste as expected, but it was easy to eat.

“ “Onii~chan” “

“N? What is it?”

“ “Want to eat jelly~” “

After finishing the main course, Allen and Elena requested for a dessert.

“Jelly, is it? What is that?”

The one who showed a reaction to those words first was Cedric-san.

“Ah~... it's sweets”

“Perhaps, Takumi-san's handmade?”

“Ah, yes. That's right”

“If it's alright with you, won't you let us eat some as well?”

“ ... ”

Cedric-san seems to have an interest in the jelly.

“I will pay the price?”

“No, I don't need money! It's just that... jelly is made from a slightly special ingredient, you see... I'm worried... that it's not something nobles would like...”

“Oya, was it like that? I would definitely like to try to eat it without hearing the ingredients”

Cedric-san is unexpectedly a person brimming with curiosity...

Won't he get angry after I let him eat the slime jelly? I will think about it when the time comes?

“I hope it will suit your tastes, but...”

I melt Giant Bee honey in the milk, took out the jelly that contained compote from Rigo from the [Infinite Storage] and serve it to the Risner family.

Of course, I handed it to Allen and Elena too.

“This is good, isn’t it! It’s jiggly and easy to eat”

“That’s right. It’s feeling nice and cold, and it’s very delicious”

“ “It’s delicious!” “

The Risner family tries it right away. The taste seems to have a favorable opinion.

“ “Onii~chan, delish~” “

Allen and Elena stuff their cheeks in satisfaction.

“However, I have no idea what was used to make it...”

“Rigo!”

“And milk!”

“Ara, ara, Rigo is a common fruit and milk is an ingredient that is often used. I wouldn’t call them special ingredients?”

“ “Eh~” “

The Risner family began to inspect the ingredients I used.

“N~... I don’t know. May I inquire about the ingredients?”

“ “Slime!” “

“ ““ “Eh?” ““ “

Allen and Elena cheerfully answered Cedric-san’s question. The Risner family let out surprised voices.

“Ah~... I have used slime jelly”

“Slime jelly... is it? That thing from slimes that will do neither harm nor good?”

“That’s it”

“Something like that can be used to make something like this...”

Are? They were surprised at first, but they have a normal reaction... did they accept it?

Are there unexpectedly no unpleasant feelings towards slime jelly?

“By the way, did Isaac eat this before?”

“No. Today is the first time I offered it to someone else besides my children”

“Is that so? Fufufu~ I can boast to Isaac with this!”

Eeh!?

Does he perhaps wants revenge because Isaac-san was boasting about the Cream bread!?

“Then, Takumi-san. Would it be possible to purchase this recipe as well?”

“I, I don’t mind, but...”

“It’s good to eat after a meal, but it would be a suitable thing to eat on hot days or when the physical condition is not good. This will sell if put out in the store! Right, Joshua!”

“...Cedric-sama, even if you ask me that”

Cedric-san asked Joshua who was refraining behind him.

However, Joshua-san has not eaten the jelly. It would be difficult to ask for his opinion~

“How about Joshua-san tries it as well?”

I took out the jelly and recommended to Joshua-san.

Joshua-san took a glance at Cedric-san. Ah, he’s asking for Cedric-san’s permission.

“Joshua, you try it too”

“Yes. Takumi-sama, is it all right?”

“Of course”

Joshua-san who obtained Cedric-san’s permission tried the jelly right away.

“This is...”

“How is it, Joshua? It’s delicious, right?”

“Yes. As Cedric-sama said, it seems like a suitable food for times when the appetite isn’t good”

“Right? We should start securing slime jelly immediately!”

“However, Cedric-sama... Because slime jelly is a material that everybody ignores, it would take time to gather suitable amount...”

Because slime jelly is the lowest value material, high ranked adventurers don’t bring back much.

Even if a request was sent to the Adventurer’s Guild, it will be overlooked.

“Nothing will be brought back unless we increase the price, huh...”

“I expect so”

“N~... if that’s the case, would you like to try putting up a capture request and try cultivating them?”

Eh! Are you perhaps trying to start a slime ranch? It has somehow become an amazingly serious matter!

Cedric-san and Joshua-san moved forward in an incredible direction, I could only listen.

IDLE TALK 7

LETTER FROM ELDER BROTHER

I'm Grunwald Ruven.

I'm a knight belonging to the Guardia country, I'm currently serving as the commanding officer of the Shirin's branch office.

When I put away the office paperwork I'm bad with, Isaac, my deputy secretary, would usually be clearing the papers, but I noticed that he's staring at a document while frowning.

Isaac with such expression is exceedingly rare. Just what is he reading?

That reminds me, my subordinates brought a letter from the guild, didn't they? Is he reading that letter?

If I'm not mistaken, it should have been from his home in the Risner territory, but... he's reading it quite seriously.

Did something happen at home?

"Oi, Isaac. Did something happen?"

"Ah~... that's right... well, a lot..."

...He's quite not making himself clear.

Isaac who speaks mercilessly even to me who's his superior officer, and argues with me... is this a prologue to disaster?!

No way, is this fellow possibly Isaac's impostor!?

"Commander. Could you stop having impolite thoughts?"

"N, no. There's no such thing"

Ou. It's the real Isaac. Don't scare me.

“Haa... apparently, Takumi-san and the kids arrived at Bailey”

“Haa?”

Speaking of Takumi, he's a man with two little children who came to Shirin a while ago. He was in the town for about two months, but Takumi did many things during that period.

He defeated an A-rank monster in the Gaya Forest, saved many lives including me, and spread a new bread in the town.

I also think it was thanks to Takumi that we had the opportunity to arrest the wrongdoing baron.

When that very Takumi said that he plans to leave the town, everyone was surprised.

Takumi is an adventurer. It's given for adventurers to go from town to town, but I somehow didn't consider him leaving the town.

When I unconsciously asked about his destination, he said he's going to the Bailey in the south of Guardia.

I felt relieved when I heard that.

Because his destination was within the country, not a foreign territory.

I'd like to keep the strong fighting force in the country as much as possible.

There's currently a low possibility of war, but monster overflowing happens all the time.

The country, especially the thickheaded guys working in the castle despise the likes of adventurers, but the knights fighting on the front lines think of them as reliable existences.

Generally, I don't rely on adventurers that much.

However, Takumi is different.

I want to keep him in the country by any means. No matter what, he's someone who can defeat A-rank monster all by himself, after all.

Besides, I don't get tired watching them, both Takumi and the children he brings along with him, I'm curious about what they are going to do next~

Bailey, the town Takumi went to is a Risner territory. A land governed by Isaac's elder brother.

He would be able to protect it if something happened, so I'm somehow reassured, but... didn't he arrive to Bailey way too fast!?

It has been a month since they left this town... was it? It wasn't, right!?

It's from the end of the country to another from here to Bailey. Even the shortest route by carriage takes at least a month at best!

Well~ it's possible to arrive faster than in one month by riding a fast horse, but he didn't travel like that.

Nevertheless, it's weird no matter how I think about it that Takumi and the children already arrived to Bailey!

Furthermore, the children Takumi is bringing with him are just little tinies. I acknowledge that they have more stamina than other children, but their builds are smaller than those of normal children.

If bringing such kids along, it should take that much longer to arrive.

Fatigue will accumulate even when riding in a horse-drawn carriage. Normally, it would be necessary to stop at towns or villages on the way to rest. And yet—

"He's way too early, isn't he?"

"That's right. Well, let's leave the travel schedule with "It's Takumi-san." That person's standards are out of the norm, we won't understand even if we ponder about it"

"...You're right"

That's certainly true. He seems to be able to do astonishing things with ease.

It might be easy for him to move to another town in a couple of days.

"Then, the letter you are holding means he arrived at your elder brother's place?"

"No, it seems he didn't come"

"Haa? He didn't come?"

"Yes. It appears that he had the gatekeepers to notify him of Takumi-san's arrival. There apparently was a report that he arrived, but he didn't visit the mansion"

Takumi probably doesn't like to use authority unconditionally.

He wouldn't use that letter unless something that he couldn't deal with by himself

happened. It's most likely like that.

Speaking of Takumi, that's so Takumi-like.

"However, he apparently arrived by a different route"

"Hee? A different route?"

"Yes. He discovered a new dungeon and had a conflict with the Adventurer's Guild's staff members"

Haa!? What did Isaac just say?

A new dungeon? Is he saying that a new dungeon has been discovered in Bailey!!

What a thing! Well, isn't that a serious affair.

"Isaac! Is that the truth!?"

"Yes. There's no doubt. It appears to be a water attributed, intermediate level dungeon"

The materials brought from dungeons bring profit. I don't understand it that much, but there seem to be more than that to it... first of all, the Risner territory has obtained an enormous fortune.

So, the guild staff members and Takumi visited the Risner mansion together?

"Wait a moment! Does that mean that Takumi is the discoverer!?"

"That's correct"

" ... "

Oi, oi, oi, oi. What the hell is that fellow Takumi doing...

Discovering a dungeon is not something that can be accomplished so easily.

It can't be helped that I was surprised by the ridiculous information Isaac has revealed. But, Isaac was making a complicated expression.

"Oi, is there something else?"

“...The discover of a new dungeon will be reported to the country, wouldn't it?”

“Well, it will. They will be first let know by a letter, then they will have to report directly. Your elder brother will become busy~”

“That he will, won't he? Making a round trip to the capital will take a lot of time on its own. Aside from that, the discoverer of the dungeon will be reported as well, right?”

“..... He will”

Ah~ ... there's was such thing.

“His Majesty will call Takumi-san to the capital, won't he?”

“I don't think he will be forced to come, but. He will be called”

His Majesty will certainly like to meet the discovered of the dungeon.

“It seems it would be best to get a few lines from Leader and inform the capital's Knights Order”

A follow-up for Takumi, huh. That will be certainly necessary.

Not about Takumi doing something stupid, but the stupid trying to do something to Takumi.

“They have to nudge the stupid, untactful fellows, so they don't anger him...”

Should I inform my parent's home as well... it won't be enough to keep everyone in check even if I inform them.

“I would be thankful if the good-for-nothing could be smashed, though. Well, Takumi-san has the power to simply destroy the town, but he wouldn't do that. If I'm pushed to say, he would simply leave the country”

“...”

That's plausible...

There are many fellows like that among adventurers, but Takumi has no particular attachment to the country. He would seriously simply leave the country.

“At any rate, I’m really concerned about the new sweets called jelly”

While I was imagining a plausible future, Isaac changed the topic.

“...What is that?”

“It appears that Takumi-san let Elder brother eat that. It was very delicious, so he received permission from Takumi-san and started doing a new business”

Takumi... seriously what were you doing as soon as you arrived?!

Isn’t your starting pace faster than when you came here!

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SIMPLIFIED VERSION

After the unexpected passionate slime jelly talk——

“Oh yeah, Takumi-san. Please stay at our mansion while you are in Bailey”

“Eh?”

Cedric-san suddenly proposed to us.

“No, to be taken care of that much... besides, we are already staying in an inn”

“There wouldn’t be problem canceling the inn, right?”

I thought of reservedly declining, but Cedric-san wasn’t giving up.

Well~ I don’t have a problem canceling the inn, but... however, because I don’t know how long we will be staying in Bailey, I would feel awkward being taken care of for a long time.

However, when Cedric-san said he would like playmates for his children once in a while, I immediately surrendered. I mean, there’s not many opportunities for Allen and Elena to come in contact with children of their age. While in Bailey, I’m sincerely thankful for the opportunity of them interacting with Theodore-kun and Latis-kun.

That being the case, I have decided to stay in the Risner House’s care during our stay in Bailey.



The next morning during our stay in the Risner mansion, I have woken up with the sunrise because of going to sleep earlier than usual.

Allen and Elena are already up.

“Good morning”

“ “Morning~” “

“Did you sleep well?”

“ “Un” “

This being the mansion of nobles, the futon in the guest room are soft and comfortable to sleep on, but our sleeping hours didn't increase.

Because it's still too early to be waking up, I thought of passing the time by rolling around the bed, but as I'm completely awake, I started dressing up.

Then, because at least one of the servants would be awake, we left the room seeking the permission to go to the garden.

Sure enough, we immediately found Servant-san, who told me that Cedric-san is already awake, so he guided us to him.

“Good morning”

“Takumi-san, good morning. Allen-kun and Elena-san, good morning to you too”

“ “Morning~” “

Cedric-san in a dressing gown, sitting on a sofa and reading a letter.

“The sun has just come out, was the bed not to your liking?”

“No, I have rested properly. Both the children and I don't sleep for too long, so”

“Is that so?”

“Yeah”

It seems that Cedric-san is worried that we didn't sleep much because we woke up so early in the morning.

“Say, Allen, Elena. You have slept a lot, didn't you?”

“ “Un” “

“Soft~”

“Comfortable~”

Cedric-san didn't seem convinced by my explanation, so I asked Allen and Elena. Thereupon, the two turned towards Cedric-san with smiles on their faces and answered.

“Is that so?”

A gentle smile floated on Cedric-san's face after hearing that.

I don't know whether it's because Cedric-san looks like Isaac-san, but Allen and Elena quickly warmed up to him. There weren't any problems even with conversations such as this.

N~... nevertheless, it appears that Allen and Elena liked the soft bed very much. The inn we were staying at wasn't a cheap inn, but as expected, the quality is entirely different. If it's like this, I should get a good futon in the near future.

“Cedric-san is early as well, aren't you?”

“Yes, a reply came from Isaac to the letter I sent him yesterday”

Eh? A reply to a letter that was sent yesterday?!

I asked because I was curious and was told something unexpected.

“Isn't that too fast? Doesn't one-way letter delivery usually take about one month?”

“Ah, Takumi-san comes from a rural village, don't you?”

“Y, yeah...”

...Rural village. Which reminds me, there was such setting. I have completely forgotten.

“In that case, it's no wonder you are not aware of the existence of the transfer magic tool”

“Transfer magic tool, is it? Those in dungeons?”

“The principle is the same. It's just that these can't transfer people like those in the

dungeons”

Transfer magic tool, as the name suggest, is a magic tool that allows sending items over a long distance. Unlike the transfer device in the dungeons, it’s a magic tool large enough to be held in both hands which apparently can’t transfer people.

On top of being able to transfer only to a place with the same magic tool, it can only send letters and small items like accessories.

But, in this world where conversations are the mainstream exchange, this magic tool is convenient.

Also, it appears that the transfer magic tool can’t be produced by people’s hands and there’s no other way than to acquire it in dungeons. Even though researchers have been studying the magic tool for many years, it appears that it’s impossible to reproduce.

It seems that a magic tool that transfers people like the ones in the dungeons is like a dream within a dream.

“Does that mean you can deliver items anywhere as long as that place has the same magic tool?”

Isn’t that dangerous in a sense?

It would be possible to deliver explosives to the destination and destroy it.

“No. These magic tools have something akin to an individual recognition code. It’s possible to send only to magical tools that have registered that code”

It seems that transfer magic tools (simplified) have individual codes which are registered with the first transfer.

It appears that one-way transfer is possible depending on the code is registered.

Naturally, the registrations in the castle and other important places are limited, and the exchanges between countries are apparently dealt firmly in establishments in separate places.

Besides, it appears that the magic tools owned by the country are nearly all currently

located in Adventurer's Guilds.

Because they can be obtained only in dungeons, most of them are acquired by adventurers, so it's only inevitable that the Adventurer's Guilds will purchase them.

Thus, the transfer magic tools in the Adventurer's Guilds are used to send and deliver letters.

The fee is higher than delivery by carriage or fast horse, but the fee is apparently set to a price that even common folk would be able to use it.

The biggest advantage is the fast delivery.

"So Adventurer's Guild also had such use, I see. I didn't know. Then, since it's possible to deliver between the branches of Adventurer's Guilds, is it possible to send letters even to the foreign countries?"

"Yeah, that's right. Adventurer's Guilds all over the world are branches of one establishment, so they have the codes registered. This letter also went through the Adventurer's Guild and was delivered just a little while ago. It was delivered as an urgent case before the sunrise"

"Urgent? Did anything happen?"

"No. Isaac just deliberately send it like that"

"Hee?"

"It appears he was frustrated by my boasting. Well, in other words, he's harassing me"

"Boasting? Harassment?"

"Yeah, I was boasting in the letter I sent yesterday how good the slime jelly tasted. Of course, I even told him that you would teach me the way of making Cream bread"

"Eh!?"

Does that mean that Cedric-san wrote Isaac-san a letter in which he boasted about the slime jelly and Isaac-san who read that letter sent a reply letter urgently to be delivered before the sunrise in order to harass Cedric-san!?

These siblings, what are they doing~!?

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MORNING MARKET

“It looks like Isaac’s hating to lose and immediately becoming irritated is still the same~ Although it was smoother over when he entered the Knights Order... His recent reactions are quite honest. Iya~ How nostalgic”

Cedric-san is making a very relieved expression.

Was Cedric-san perhaps affectionate as well as teasing his little brother since childhood?

I see, I see. Even though Isaac-san is teasing Wald-sama, his position would be reversed if his opponent was his Oniisan~

I thought their relationship might be stormy for a moment there, but the brothers seem to be getting along well.

“By the way, Takumi-san. If possible, won’t you go with me to the harbor’s morning market?”

While thinking about the Risner brothers, Cedric-san suddenly proposed such.

“Morning market? tte, won’t it cause a ruckus if Cedric-san goes?”

“I will naturally go incognito”

“ ... ”

Incognito, huh...

Well, I don’t mind. “Big shots = traveling incognito,” is often the case anyway...

“It seems there has been recently unusual food served in a harbor stall”

“Unusual food?”

“Yes. They have started selling just a few days ago, but it’s so popular that they have

long queues every day and reputable for its great taste. Therefore, I thought to go to check it out”

“Hee~ that’s indeed interesting”

Popular enough to create queues, that’s certainly interesting.

They were selling a few days before when we went to the morning market, didn’t they? However, I have not seen any long queues~ Were they already sold out when we were there?

“I thought I would go there while inspecting”

“You want us to accompany you?”

“Please, by all means. I thought about bringing my sons along as well. Allen-kun, Elen-san, do you mind morning market’s street stall food for breakfast?”

“ “U?” “

“It’s the place where a lot of fish is sold. He’s asking whether you’re fine with having a meal there”

“ “Un! Alright~” “

“Is that so? Then, I will make the preparations immediately. I’m sorry, but please wait for a moment”

“No, please take your time”

That being the case, we have arrived at the harbor’s morning market’s plaza together with Cedric-san, Theodore-kun, and Latis-kun.

Cedric-san wanted to go without guards at first, but it would be hard to deal with if something happened, so three guards including Joshua-san went along.

Surprisingly, Joshua-san is an all-purpose butler who can be a guard as well!

“Chichiue~ It’s that place, isn’t it!”

“Yeah. It seems so”

“Let’s go quickly!”

Theodore-kun and Latis-kun urge Cedric-san and pull him by his hands.

It has a feeling of exciting outing with their father.

N? Allen and Elena are *jii~* staring at the Risner parent and children... and frequently glance at me? Is this possibly?

Which reminds me, when walking with Allen and Elena, they either hold my clothes, or I'm carrying them in my arms, we hardly walk while holding hands, don't we?

The two stare at the Risner parent and children again. This is without a doubt, right?

"Allen, Elena. Here"

When I call Allen and Elene and extend my hands, as I thought, they both immediately grasp my hands.

" "Ehehe~" "

They were so happy they showed me grinning smiles and imitating Theodore-kun and Latis-kun, they guided me by hands to the end of the stall's queue.

Nevertheless, the queue is as incredible as Cedric-san said. It appears true that the stall is popular.

"What an incredible people. I wonder what he's selling?"

"He appears to be shellfish, but I heard he uses a flavoring that was not used until now. If I'm not mistaken... they are using a flavoring called soy sauce"

"..... Soy sauce"

Hahaha~ ... no way, right...

" ..."

I thought it was needless thoughts, but as we advance in the queue, we approach the stall little by little, and I smelled something familiar.

" "Ah!" "

“Ah~...”

Allen and Elena saw the scallops stall owner and raised their voices.

As expected... it's the stall owner I thought the butter and soy sauce scallops. What he's selling is precisely that.

“Is something wrong?”

“Iya... well, you see...”

“N? Ooh! Isn't that Anchan and the children!”

Now then, how do I explain this...

While worried how to explain to Cedric-san, the stall owner noticed us and waved his hand.

“What's that, Anchan? Are you perhaps waiting in the queue? There's no need for Anchan to line up. No matter what, this is something Anchan has taught me. Are those Anchan's companions? Look, come here and eat without reservation!”

“...Takumi-san?”

“...”

Ahh... I feel like Cedric-san's eyes are asking “What does this mean?”

“No... umm...”

“Is it true that Takumi-san taught him this?”

“...Yes. On the day we arrived in this town...”

Naturally, I explain everything that happened on the day I arrived in this town.

“Haa...”

Cedric-san who listened to my explanation deeply sighed.

Somehow... I'm really sorry? It's not like I did something wrong, but it feels like I caused some trouble?

First of all, let's eat some scallops?

“...It's delicious, isn't it?”

“ “Takumi-san, it's delicious!” “

It appears the butter and soy sauce scallops suited the Risner parent and children's tastes.

“Takumi-san, could you tell me what this soy sauce is?”

“Ah, yes. It's a sap from tree called Koikuchi that grows in dungeons”

“Is that so? Then, is it sold by shops dealing with dungeon items?”

“That's right”

Apparently, Cedric-san is pleased with the taste of soy sauce and decided to stop by a shop dealing with dungeon items next.

Looking at the people gathered at this stall, it's easy to tell that the people of Aetherdia have accepted the taste of soy sauce, so why would they not use it before? Strange.

“ “Onii~chan” “

“Un?”

“ “One more, please~” “

Allen and Elena love this taste, don't they?

CHAPTER 64

FIJI COMPANY

The largest or second largest commercial company in the Guardia country • Fiji Company.

It's a company that deals in food and monster materials, managing many shops and of course, they also deal with the goods found in dungeons.

The main store of the Fiji Company is in the royal capital, but they have many branch stores, and one of those is also located in Bailey.

"My my, Risner-sama. To think Risner-sama himself would visit our store directly! What may I help you with today?"

After leaving from the morning market's plaza, we have visited the Fiji Company together with Cedric-san and others. Thereupon, we had no appointment, but the branch manager immediately appeared at the storefront.

It seems like there was an employee who has recognized Cedric-san and immediately went to inform the branch manager.

"I'm sorry for the sudden visit. Actually, I'm looking for an article called soy sauce, I wonder if you are dealing with soy sauce here?"

"Oya? Risner-sama desires the soy sauce too? Of course, we are dealing with them in this store"

It appears that the Fiji Company is dealing with soy sauce.

Moreover, from the branch manager's words, there were other customers in search of soy sauce.

"That's relief. As expected, the demand has increased, hasn't it?"

"Yes. It has suddenly increased in the last two-three days. It apparently has something to do with the harbor's street stall"

“Oya, you know of it? As expected of this store’s manager, you are well-informed”

“Information is the life force of business”

“I’m ashamed to say, but I have not known of this flavoring until just recently”

“No, no, soy sauce is a commodity that finally came to light just recently, it can be said that it’s only natural that Risner-sama didn’t know of it. Me too, in spite of managing a store, I didn’t give it much heed”

Cedric-san and the branch manager are smiling on the surface, but it has some tingling feeling. Furthermore, the “Fufufu” and “Hahaha~” I hear at the end of their sentences... it must be just my imagination.

“So, Risner-sama. Have you visited our store to purchase the soy sauce today then?”

“That too, but there’s something else. Do you have time?”

“Of course. Ah, I’m sorry for making you talk while standing at such place. I will immediately guide you to the reception office”

“Yes, thank you very much. —Then, Takumi-san”

“Y, yes!”

Because I was completely absorbed in thoughts, I got startled when Cedric-san called to me.

“I will talk with the branch manager for a while, so, I’m sorry but—”

“Yes, we will look around at the products they have here, please don’t mind us!”

Because I wanted to be excused from going to the reception office, I told Cedric-san that we will wait here before he could say anything.

“Is that so, I understand. Ah, I’m sorry but can I leave my sons with you?”

“Yes, don’t worry”

“Then, thank you”

Saying such, Cedric-san followed after the branch manager to the reception office

inside the store.

Thus, while the two are talking, we have decided to have other employees guide us around the store.

The place we were guided to was not shelves of goods for ordinary customers, but a warehouse with all kinds of goods.

Because there are many goods that are not displayed at the storefront, normal customers won't be guided here unless they are special customers. Because feudal lord's companions are special, I have gratefully let them guide me to the ingredient section.

I mean, if they have goods that they are not displaying at the storefront, they might have ingredients that I have not laid my hands on yet, right?

It turned into the feudal lord's sons accompanying me while I do as I please, but because the two were interested, I decided to do what I wanted to.

That being the case, it's the three of us, me, Allen, Elen, plus Theodore-kun, Latis-kun, and Joshua-san, the six of us in total. The other two guards went together with Cedric-san.

“ “Ah! Anko~” “

Immediately after being shown to the warehouse, Allen and Elena found something they recognized, but—

“Allen, Elena. Those are red beans”

“ “Red beans~?” “

“That's right. Anko is sweetened boiled red beans”

Allen and Elena seem to think that the red beans I used to make the bean paste are called “Anko”.

“ “Red beans~ Swe~et one is anko~” “

“Un, that's right”

It's not like all red beans made sweet are anko, but... they are not wrong, oh well.

"Takumi-san, what is 'Anko'?"

Theodore-kun who heard the exchange of the children and me became curious about what anko is.

"Umm... have you heard from Otousan about Anpan?"

"Ah! I heard about that. It's one of the new bread that recently became popular, isn't it! I heard that Cream bread and Anpan can be eaten only in the town of Shirin where Ojiisama is!"

"Ah~ ... yes, that's it. It's the filling of that Anpan. It's made from these red beans"

"Eh, is that so!?"

"This will become Anpan?"

Theodore-kun and Latis-kun are listening while surprised.

Thus, Joshua-san and the employee who guided us looked at us with surprised expressions.

"Takumi-san, do you mind talking over here?"

"N?"

N? Is there a... problem?

While doubting, Joshua-san glanced at the employee.

"Ah~ ..."

I finally noticed. Did I expose the method of making anko in front of the employee?

I don't mind if the way to make anko spreads, but I don't know how the Lauren House and Risner House would feel about that...

“Umm, from now on, I’m supposed to teach how to make Anpan to a shop recommended by Cedric-san. And, if the store starts selling Anpan, they will have to purchase red beans on a regular basis...”

“Let’s sign the contract of purchase!”

Joshua-san begins to speak with the employee at his side.

Perhaps, will the content of the contract include the incorporation of secrecy?

Joshua-san, I’m sorry for increasing your work, but I will leave it to you.

“Theodore-kun, I’m sorry. If I say carelessly, even more, I will make troubles for your Otousan, so I will answer what you want to know once we return, okay?”

“Yes, thank you very much. But, I will be able to eat Anpan, won’t I! I’m looking forward to it!”

“I’m looking forward to it as well!”

“Is that so~ Then, I will make them with my best effort, so look forward to it”

“ “Yes!” “

While Joshua-san and others were talking, I looked at the things around.

This place is apparently a place where all beans are stored. In addition to the red beans, black beans and almost the same as soybean”Round beans”, there was something called “Flower Beans” that I have never seen.

“Ah, this is...”

There, I found familiar beans in a bottle.

It’s a black oval of the size of the thumbnail with a cracky dent. It’s slightly larger than those I know of, but the delicate smell is familiar.

“Oya, does Takumi-san know of Kahee Beans?”

“Kahe~ beans?”

The employee who seems to have finished talking with Joshua-san taught me the name

of the beans I was looking at.

Kahe~... Ahh, Kahee, is it? In Syl's knowledge, the beans themselves are not suitable for edible use, but the extracted liquids are drinkable. That means, no need to guess, this are coffee beans, aren't they!

"It's my first time seeing the real thing. These are already roasted, aren't they? Are these used with water or hot water to make a black colored beverage?"

"Yeah, that's right"

It's coffee! Coffee!

I found coffee!

"These Kahee Beans are Risner's domestic production luxury item, so our country is not that familiar with them yet, but they are popular among nobles. I'm surprised Takumi-san was aware"

"Well, I have a moderate knowledge about foodstuff..."

It's all knowledge imprinted by Syl, though.

"Is it possible to sell me these Kahee Beans?"

"We surely can, but the price is a little expensive?"

"That's fine. By the way, do you have a tool that handles these beans here?"

"Yes, we have. Shall I prepare that as well?"

"Yes please"

Yosh! If they have a grinder, it looks like I will be able to make a coffee soon♪

Coffee after so long. Let's make it immediately after we return!

While cheerful that I obtained coffee beans, Cedric-san and the branch manager who seemed to finish discussing returned.

“Thank you for waiting”

“No, it wasn’t that—... N?”

“Takumi-san, what’s wrong?”

I caught the sight of the mark on the documents Cedric-san held. That’s probably the crest of this store.

Looking carefully, isn’t it drawn everywhere including the shelves and bags?

Then, I remembered. That I have seen a branch of this store before, or not... a different place. Where did I...?

N~ ... ah! That thing! I remember.

The sunken ship in the Mermaid Village! The marks drawn on the body and flags of the ship should be the same as this mark!

CHAPTER 65

OWNER OF THE SUNKEN SHIP

“Cedric-san, do you know of Dietlinde?”

“Dietlinde, is it?... If I’m not mistaken, I heard such name in a report documents before... Ah! Wasn’t it the sunken ship of this store?”

“Yes, that’s right. There fortunately were no casualties, but that was a really heavy blow...”

Yeah, as I thought, that mark is this store’s mark without a doubt.

“In fact, the ship—Dietlinde, that sunk to the bottom of the sea, I have recovered it...”

“ “... Yes?” “

When I convey that I have recovered the sunken ship, Cedric-san and the branch manager-san stare at me with absentminded expressions.

“...The ship has sunk, you know?”

“Yes, I have found it at the bottom of the sea”

“...I think the report said it sunk quite deep, though...”

“Just a bit of long-distance swim”

“...The ship should be a large model, how did you recover it?”

“I can use [Infinite Storage]. You have not heard from Isaac-san?”

“.....”

Cedric-san asks questions one after another, but after I simply answer them, he eventually becomes silent.

I thought that Isaac-san reported everything about me, but it appears he didn’t tell Cedric-san about this.

I see, he didn’t know about the [Infinite Storage]... it appears I have exposed myself.

Well, [Infinite Storage] is convenient. I have gotten used to the life on Aetherdia too, it would be troublesome to keep on hiding it...

“I’m sorry. I have not heard from Isaac about this. Have you really recovered Dietlinde?”

“Yes”

“So, what does Takumi-san want to do with that ship?”

“Eh? Wouldn’t you normally return it?”

Because I picked up a lost item, I feel like it should have been returned to the owner, but...

N~? In Japan, found articles have to be delivered to the police. It should have been a usurpation if I took it... what, is it different over here?

The way Cedric-san is speaking, it makes him sound as if I didn’t have to return it.

“Then, will you return that ship to the owner?”

“Yeah. It seems to be loaded with cargo. Well, it has sunk, so I don’t know what happened to the contents, but I think there should also be things that are safe”

Because the ship has sunk while stacked with cargo, I think there should be a considerable loss. Therefore, I think it would be nice if something was saved, even if little.

“Do you intend not to receive any compensation?”

“Yeah, that was my intention, but? Ah, if the burden of disposal is greater than what came back to you, I won’t force you to take it back?”

Even if you recover what you can still use, there are cases where dismantling and disposing of the damaged goods will cost you, right? In that case, I wouldn’t mind letting it fertilize in the [Infinite Storage], you see.

“No! I think there are more things to obtain. Isn’t that so?”

“Yes! Just as you said!”

When Cedric-san asks, the branch manager agrees exaggeratedly.

I’m told that ships on Aetherdia move with magic stones, and the magic stone used on this ship is considerably large and fairly valuable.

Apparently, because the cause of the sinking was damage in the ship’s bottom which caused flooding, the magic stone has no problems and recovering that magic stone will sharply decrease the losses.

Listening further, found articles on Aetherdia are apparently fine to keep by those who find them. Even if you know the owner.

What’s easy to understand is goods stolen by bandits. Those who exterminate the bandits have the rights to keep the stolen goods. In case the owner wants to recover the stolen goods by any means, he must buy back the goods with an appropriate amount of money.

While listening to Cedric-san’s explanation, *which reminds me, I have such knowledge, don’t I~* I suddenly recall. It appears that considering Earth standards is mostly no good.

“Is that fine? If you sell the magic stone used in the ship, you could acquire a lot of money, you know?”

“I’m good on money. I will return the ship to the company”

The amount of money needed for repurchase is settled by the person who has the goods, so there’s no problem even if you return it for free. If that’s the case, I will choose that.

When I said so, the branch manager made an expression as if bursting into tears.

Well, if a ship loaded with cargo sank, it would cause a considerable amount of damage. You would cry if the losses could decrease even a little, wouldn’t you~

Anyhow, as it would be better to check the ship and the cargo, we decide to move to a warehouse owned by the Fiji Company at the pier.

“ “Onii~chan, where to~?” “

“N? Does Allen and Elena remember the sunken ship?”

“ “Ship~?” “

“Right. The one Mirena-san asked me to”Remove” “

“ “Un, remember~” “

“That ship you see, I have found the person who lost it, so I’m going to return it”

“ “Return~? Why~?” “

Ehh!? Why? N~... Why, huh...

“Umm... you see? What would Allen and Elena do if the person walking in front of them lost something?”

“ “Pick up~?” “

“That’s right. Then, what after picking it up?”

“ “Give back~?” “

“It’s the same. Oniichan also picked up the ship, so I’m returning it to the owner”

“ “I see~” “

The two seem to be convinced.

Strictly speaking, this is a little bit different, but I would like for Allen and Elena to return lost items to their owners. This should be okay.

When we arrive at the warehouse, I immediately retrieve Dietlinde from the [Inifinite Storage].

For a moment, I thought that sea water might flow out when I take it out, but such thing didn’t happen. It seems that when I collected the [Ship], the sea water it was flooded in didn’t come with it. I’m glad~

“This is it. Is there no mistake?”

“T, there’s no mistake! That’s our ship!”

When I try to confirm, the branch manager who saw the ship shouts.

In addition, I heard Theodore-kun saying "Ama~zing", Latis-kun admiring with "Seriously..." and "A ship this big..." among others from the guards and employees.

I know that the sizes of [Infinite Storages] are different, but perhaps, something of this size wouldn't... fit in? No, it can't be.

However, I'm removing the ban on [Infinite Storage]. It may be standing out, but let's leave it on a high magical power.

So, about the Dietlinde, it appears to be Fiji Company's ship without a doubt. Besides, as I thought, the mark on the hull is same as Fiji Company's mark. I made no mistake.

If that's the case, it doesn't seem to be necessary to investigate whether this is Fiji Company's ship or not.

"Then, is it okay to return it?"

"Yes! Thank you very much!!"

That being the case, I was able to return Dietlinde to the proper owner safely.

However, I didn't expect that the branch manager would give me the coffee beans, the necessary tools, and other things I wanted to buy free of charge.

I felt bad and tried to pay for it, but Cedric-san told me it would be better to accept at least that much. That being the case, I obediently accepted it and we left the company.

CHAPTER 66

A DISH OF DESIRES

By becoming acquainted with the Fiji Company, I was able to find spices I have not yet obtained. This being a harbor trade town, they have everything which couldn't be found in Shirin.

In Shirin, I have obtained red chili pepper, black pepper, garlic, ginger, and cumin. And in Bailey, I purchased turmeric, cardamon, coriander, and clove.

I recognize them as ingredients for cooking, but they are used as materials for medicines and are not sold in food stores, but pharmacies instead.

They were used in Oriental medicine on Earth as well. I'm much obligated to turmeric hangover drink.

Since I have gathered so many spices, I want to make a curry. Curry and rice!

It's a Japanese staple home cooking said to rarely have people who dislike it! I want to eat curry and rice soon!

Long ago, I have been curious about spices used in the curry and looked them up on the internet, so I somehow remember the used spices. Therefore, let's collected the ingredients!

...It's just, as expected, I don't remember the spice blend.

If i recall correctly, turmeric was somewhat larger in quantity, and the other spices should be completely different depending on the curry you make.

You can use many things to suppress the bad smell in a meat curry or use many things to complement the vegetable curry. The spiciness is naturally adjusted with the red chili pepper.

In short, it changes significantly depending on preferences.

Therefore, if I add the spices little by little, even I should be able to make it.

That being the case, let's challenge making curry right away!



I have borrowed a place to prepare the food in the Risner mansion's garden.

At first, I thought of borrowing a section in the kitchen, but what I'm making is a curry, so... I would feel really sorry if the scent of curry stained the mansion.

I even intended to go outside the town.

Now then, I'm making a curry, but what Curry will I make today?

Seafood curry is good too, but it's my first time today, so I think that orthodoxly basic curry would be better.

Onions, carrots, potatoes. Because there's no ordinary pork meat, Orc meat should be fine.

I stir-fry the meat and vegetables cut into bite sizes, and put it in the soup stock I made beforehand. I cook until the fire hits the vegetables.

Meanwhile, I prepare another frying pan, I cook oil and wheat while paying attention not to burn them, and add a suitable combination of spices. I pour in the broth made in a pot from boiling vegetables little by little, so it wouldn't make any lumps, and then put it back in the pot.

“ “Stir~” “

“Un. Then, I will leave it to you”

“ “Un!” “

Allen and Elena have volunteered to help out, so I leave the stirring of the pot to them.

Next, I have to put in a subtle seasoning to bring out the flavor. The classic stuff when making a curry is ketchup and Worcester sauce, but... I don't have either of them, huhh~ Ah, maybe I can use Turi fruit paste?

I also often heard of chocolate and coffee powder?

I have not found chocolate yet, and it's not like I can just crush the Kahee beans into powder... let's take the simple approach here and use Rigo fruit and honey.

I'm suppressing the spiciness as much as possible, so Allen and Elena could eat it too, but it will become rather sweet if I put Rigo and honey in.

“Yosh! This should be fine. Allen, Elena, thank you. That's enough~”

“ “Ye~s” “

Well, all that's left is to slowly let it simmer, so shall we get a little bit unfair?

“[Aging]”

A Space-time magic I have learned just recently, [Aging]. This is a magic which makes the time of the target pass. By the way, this magic works only on non-creatures.

Using this magic, the curry matured instantly. And that's it.

I scoop the finished curry and sample it at once.

“Oh, feels nice”

It's not spicy enough for me, but the taste is quite delicious.

Like this, even Allen and Elena will be able to eat it.

“Here, Allen, Elena. Say ahh~”

“ “Ahh~” “

“How is it? Is it spicy?”

“ “Delish~” “

It seems the spiciness was suppressed to the extent that the two can eat it without any problems.

Then, let's write the blend of spices down before I forget. And, it would be better to use it as a base to improve the taste little by little.

“ “Uniyu~” “

“N, what's wrong? Was it spicy after all?”

Allen and Elena pull on my clothes as if to complain about something.

“ “Onii~chan” “

“What is it?”

“ “Many~” “

“Eh?”

“ “There~” “

“Haa?”

When I looked where Allen and Elena were pointing, I saw people peeking from shadows at us.

Risner parents and children, the servants working at the Risner mansion, even Knights are there. I have not noticed the large number of people who have gathered until now because I was absorbed in making the curry.

It's my carelessness that I have not noticed them even though so many people gathered, but... they were hiding so well I thought they have 【Concealment】 or 【Seclusion】 skills.

“..... What are you doing in a place like that?”

“But, Takumi-san! I smell such delicious fragrance!”

“Ah~...”

Cedric-san said as the representative of the crowd.

It appears they were lured by the scent of curry.

As expected of curry! To lure people to this extent...

“Takumi-san, what is that?”

“It's a dish called Curry from my hometown”

“Curry, is it?”

“Yes, that's right”

Before we noticed, Cedric-san was peeking at the contents of the pot.

“It smells nice, but an incredible color it has”

“Both the fragrance and color turned out like this because several herbs were used”

“Herbs?! Even though it smells so appetizing?”

“That’s right”

Following after Cedric-san, Theodore-kun, Latis-kun, and naturally, the other people gathered around us.

“..”

How do I control this situation?

N~ Should I let them eat right away? But, there’s not that much of it. Would they leave if I let them have a lick of taste, I wonder...

This, I will have to prepare a large amount...?

Fortunately, the taste is satisfactory, and I have a large quantity of spices and ingredients in the stock.

“I will make everyone’s portion in time for the din——”

[Really!??]

The people curiously staring at the pot instantly reacted to my words and raised their voices.

I beg you, let me speak until the end!

Ah, right, right. These people would eat bread instead of rice, and as expected, I will have to prepare other dishes with the curry. There are chefs among the people as well, so shall I tell them?

“Excuse me. This is more or less supposed to be a soup, so bread, salad, and necessary main di——”

“ ““Leave it to us!” ““

Therefore, let me talk until the end!!

When it got decided that they will be able to have a dinner, the gathered people returned to their posts.

Thus, because the curry will be for dinner, I have stored our lunch curry without eating it into the [Infinite Storage], and decided to have a lunch of a simple Cream bread and Anpan.

Well, they are Allen and Elena's favorite, so they had no problem with the change of menu.

After finishing the lunch, I wanted to start making curry again, but... let's make seafood curry next? The people here are familiar with marine products, after all.

For the second time of making curry, I kept in mind to use wind magic to fire the fragrance of curry high to the skies.

Thanks to that, there has been no terror caused by the smell.

CHAPTER 67

CAPTIVES

And, at dinner time——

“Yeah. This dish has a really nice fragrance, after all”

It’s us, Cedric-san, Theodore-kun, and Latis-kun at the Risner mansion’s dining room. Their daughter seems to be feeling slightly unsettled, so Olivie-san is with her.

“Chichiue~ I want to eat already~”

“Already~”

“That’s so, isn’t it? Then, let’s eat”

“ “Yes, itadakimasu” “

Theodore-kun and Latis-kun urged Cedric-san that they want to eat.

Then, when the dinner started, the Risner parent and children ate the curry before anything else.

“ “Delicious!” “

“This is...”

Theodore-kun and Latis-kun expressed their honest impression. Because Allen and Elena have tasted it beforehand, I thought it was fine, but I’m glad it suits their tastes. Cedric-san didn’t give his direct thoughts, but his expression speaks for all.

“Allen, Elena, let’s eat as well”

“ “Un! Itadakima~su” “

Since I have confirmed the Risner parent and children reactions, I have decided to eat as well.

I'm slightly regretful that I had to give up on rice for bread because we are eating with Risners, but... I will definitely eat curry and rice before long!

“ “Onii~chan, this is delish too~” “

“Is that so? I'm glad~ Eat lots, okay?”

“ “Un” “

The classic curry I've made during the day and this seafood curry taste quite differently, but it appears the children like even this curry.

“It's really good”

“The jelly was delicious too, but to be able to even make a dish like this, Takumi-san is really incredible”

“ “Onii~chan, incredible~?” “

“Yes, incredible”

“Takumi-san is amazing”

“ “Un, Onii~chan is incredible~ Ehehe~” “

Ooh? Allen and Elena who have not talked with Theodore-kun and Latis-kun yet are suddenly having a conversation. That the topic is me is a little bit, but...

“Onii~chan's meals are delish~”

“Eating lots~”

“Is that so? Takumi-san, may I have seconds please?”

“Me too!”

“Of course, I don't mind. Eat a lot. How about Allen and Elena?”

“ “Will eat~” “

The four children who are getting along well want second helpings.

While such harmonious air was drifting, Cedric-san who silently ate the curry suddenly stood up from his chair.

“Takumi-san!! This dish called curry is very wonderful! Such complex yet complete taste! In addition——”

And he suddenly became speaking out his impression like a food critic.

...What to do? Cedric-san's is different from the usual.

Have I perhaps mixed something strange into the curry? Is this world's cardamon or clover actually used as stimulant medicine or something...

It was such doubtful scene.

Cedric-san's sons Theodore-kun and Latis-kun were watching their father dumbfoundedly.

“Chichiue, you are entirely different from usual...”

“Un. It's my first time seeing such Chichiue~”

Cedric-san was talking about the deliciousness of curry for ten minutes straight.

“It has been a while since I've gotten so passionate. Yeah, we are already fine, so you guys come down and eat too. Takumi-san, you don't mind, do you?”

“...N, no, it's alright”

Ah, it's the usual Cedric-san.

Apparently, the servants were restless from wanting to eat the curry, so Cedric-san did a tactful thing and allowed them to leave the room.

I have left a large pot of curry in the kitchen before the dinner, but because the servants can't eat before the Lord of this house, Cedric-san, they had to standby.

Since they have gotten the permission to eat the curry, they are probably moving to the kitchen now.

The servants waiting at the table withdrew and after a few minutes——

—*Batan!*

Suddenly, the door of the dining room was opened with a loud noise.

“Head Chef? What is the matter?”

It was the Head Chef of the Risner House who entered the dining room.

Cedric-san spoke to the Head Chef who entered in a rush.

“Excuse me, Dannasama! I’m aware that I’m being discourteous, but I couldn’t stay still after tasting that dish...”

“That means, you were impressed by Takumi-san’s dish?”

The Head Chef instantly moved to my side and suddenly kneeled on the floor.

“Takumi-sama! That dish called curry is wonderful! It’s my first time experiencing such impact from eating a dish after such a long time! By all means, please make me your apprentice!”

“Eeh?!”

A, apprentice?! What is this Head Chef saying all of sudden!?

“...Umm, I’m sorry”

“Eh!? Why!? Are my abilities not enough?! Even though I look like this, I have been earnestly cooking until now! W, what am I lacking~?”

No, I’m not a cook in the first place, so I can’t take an apprentice. Therefore, I refused, but the Head Chef doesn’t seem to be convinced.

“Now there, Riyan. You must not trouble Takumi-san too much. Takumi-san is not a

cook but a simple adventurer, so it's not like he can take an apprentice"

It's exactly like that.

"However, Dannasama~"

"Well, I understand what Riyan is trying to say. Cream bread and Jelly, butter and soy sauce scallops, and now the curry. After making so many new dishes, it would be weird if you weren't a cook"

"Ehh..."

...He said something rude. To call me weird...

"Takumi-san. Apprentice might be unreasonable, but are you planning on putting the curry spices on market?"

Eh? Putting the curry spices on the market?

"Umm... do you mean you would like to buy the recipe?"

"No, I don't wish to buy it individually like the Cream bread, but I think it's something that should be sold to a lot of people with a formal contract with a company"

The talk became somewhat big, didn't it~ But—

"I haven't thought about it"

"May I inquire why?"

"Yeah. Half of the ingredients used for the curry spice are used as medicinal plants. Using it individually would be rather more preferable, as it would be necessary to purchase the ingredients in large quantities otherwise. Therefore, I would like to avoid a sudden price jump of herbs used in medicine"

If you suddenly start using herbs like seasonings, won't the price skyrocket with a high demand? If so, there would be people who won't be able to afford medicine anymore,

I don't want that.

"I see, there's certainly a possibility of that. I will investigate a little, but if there's no problem around that area, would you consider selling it?"

"Yes. That wouldn't be a problem"

Cedric-san will conduct a market research regarding the sale of the curry spice, but it has been decided that I will tell Cedric-san only the spices that are used in medicine.

CHAPTER 68

INTERACTION

After the meal, we decided to move to the lounge and chat with Theodore-kun and Latis-kun.

Incidentally, Cedric-san apparently still has to work, so he returned to his office.

“Takumi-san, what monsters have you defeated so far?”

“What kind of place is a dungeon?”

“Umm... you two have interest in such stories?”

“ “Yes!” “

“Stories about defeating dragons are my favorite”

“Mine too!”

Theodore-kun and Latis-kun apparently love stories about adventure and heroic tales, so they asked about the stories of our actual experiences.

Therefore, I decided to talk a bit about the incident in Shirin.

“Allen-kun and Elena-chan are going on adventures together with Takumi-san, right? Isn't it dangerous?”

“Ah~ ... well, it's not like there's no danger, but you see. Allen and Elena are strong~”

“Strong?”

“Un, strong~”

“Stronger than a wolf?”

“Than a goblin?”

“If it's a wolf or a goblin, the two can easily defeat it~”

“ “Ooh~” “

“Amazing!”

Theodore-kun and Latis-kun look at Allen and Elena with eyes full of respect.

“ “ ” “
... ” “

As if shy by that, Allen and Elena who are sitting on both of my sides cling to my and hide their faces to escape.

“Look, Allen, Elena. You are being praised as amazing, you know?”

“ “Uniyu~...” “

The two press and shake their heads from side to side against me. This is not shyness...

“It seems they got so happy from being praised they got embarrassed”

“Is that so?”

“It’s like that, isn’t it?”

“ “Uniyu~” “

When I say that, Allen and Elena press and shake their heads again.

No, this is adorable, but!

My cheeks loosened from seeing their unusual reaction.

After that, when I continued talking with Theodore-kun and Latis-kun for a while, Allen and Elena started participating in the conversation little by little.

Did they get a little bit closer?



“This will be finished after it boils down”

“Red beans could be used in such way, huh”

Today, we have come to the Risner House’s affiliated bakery. That is, of course, to teach

them how to make Cream bread and Anpan.

Although I say that, because the jam buns have already spread, they know the way to insert the filling into the bread dough, so I'm only teaching them custard cream and red bean paste recipes.

Oh well, because the other side are pros, they were able to make it after I showed it once without any problem.

"That's all for the recipe. Because I think the boiling down and sweetness should be left to the store's preferences, please make it several times and search for the best one"

"It's certainly necessary to make it several times with various sweetness levels, but regarding how to make it, we will follow what we were taught. Iya~ nevertheless, it's like a dream to be able to make Cream bread and Anpan in our store!"

The shop manager has a very splendid store since he's a purveyor to a noble's house, but his personality is very broad-minded, so because he was polite person right from the start, the teaching session progressed very smoothly. As expected of a person chosen by Cedric-san.

Because my instruction ended, I decided to make a new bread from here.

First, I mixed the liquid I just obtained by extracting it from Kahee beans with the custard cream and made a Cream bread with that.

It's faintly bitter, but I think even Allen and Elena would be able to eat this.

Kahee itself is a little expensive, so I don't think it's possible to sell this in a store, but it's enough to enjoy it by ourselves.

Next is, as expected, a curry bread. The filling is the curry I made yesterday!

The curry made for the curry bread has plenty of finely chopped vegetables and keema curry like meat.

It's more of a piroshki rather than a curry bread, but let's go with a curry bread!

Speaking of curry bread, it's generally fried in oil, but I decided to leave out frying and bake it in an oven. Because I thought there would be ruckus again if I start frying it.

I wrap the curry bread and store it in the [Infinite Storage]. I think I will fry later in secret. Because of that, I made a rather large amount of curry and also prepared a lot

of dough.

Ah, stretching the dough and wrapping it around a sausage to make a sausage bread might be good?

It's fine to bake it, but I would prefer to fry this as well, right~ Yosh, let's make a large portion of this as well and store some in the [Infinite Storage] for later frying.

Next, I cut the dough which I molded into a round shape, and insert mayonnaise, tuna, and finely chopped onions. Right, it's tuna onion bread.

Ah, I should make tunamayo sandwich too. Let's make it next time~♪

Yosh! Only fermenting and baking is left.

The moment the bread finished baking, the children gathered around the iron plate I have taken out of the oven.

“ “Everything seems so delicious!” “

“ “Delish~” “

“Allen, Elena. It looks delicious, doesn't it?”

“ “Looks delish~” “

“Un, right”

In fact, today, Theodore-kun and Latis-kun came together with us for the bread making.

Although I say that, I invited them myself when Cedric-san informed me of the schedule.

Yesterday, Allen and Elena opened their hearts a little, so it was a really good timing.

“The iron plate is hot, so don't touch it, okay~”

[Ye~s]

I removed the heat from the bread with magic and cut it into four equal pieces. Because there are six kinds, it would be certainly too much for the children to eat it all.

“Here you go”

“It’s fine to eat it?!”

“Sure it is~”

“Wa~ Itadakimasu”

“Itadakimasu”

“Here, this is Allen’s and Elena’s”

“ “Un! Itadakima~su” “

The four started eating the bread at once.

[Delicious (Delish~)]

The impressed voices of the four children splendidly harmonize.

“Anpan is delicious as well”

“Aniue, the curry bread is differently delicious from the curry we ate yesterday”

“ “Cre~am!” “

“That’s right. Cream bread is certainly delicious as well”

“Yes, this Kahee Cream bread is also delicious. I couldn’t drink Kahee because it was bitter, but I can eat it if it’s like this”

“ “Un!” “

The four children were eating bread while talking about which they prefer. Un, un, they are getting along very well~

While observing the children getting so along—

“Takumi-dono! Every bread is really wonderful! By all means, make me your apprentice!”

“I’m sorry. I will refuse”

“T, that can’t be~...”

...An apprentice appeared even here. This bakery's shop manager.

Of course, I immediately refused.

“ “Onii~chan” “

Ignoring the shop manager-san who's hanging his head, after storing the bread I'm going to take with us into the [Infinite Storage], the children who finished eating the bread came to my side.

Because Allen and Elena were clinging to me with all their heart, they were really happy when I gently stroked their heads.

“Takumi-san, it was very delicious”

“It was delicious”

Theodore-kun and Latis-kun give me their honest impressions. What a good children they are~

“Were they to your liking?”

“ “Yes” “

“I see, I'm glad~ Then, your Otousan must be “still not here~” expecting us, so let's return with some gifts”

Cedric-san wanted to go with us, but he had to stay at home to tend to the official duties.

“Ah~ Chichiue wanted to come along so much”

“He was so disappointed when Joshua told him that he couldn't go~”

Un, he looked extremely disheartened to me as well. Moreover, he was forcibly dragged to the office by Joshua-san.

As it seems he would escape from the house when a chance arises, I think we should return earlier.

“It would be too pitiful to keep him waiting, so let’s go, everyone~”

[Ye~s]

CHAPTER 69

BANDITS

We have left from Bailey early in the morning and arrived at a certain mountain after a half day of walking.

“Joule, Feat, thank you”

[Wafu] [Gau]

Although I say that, I have summoned Joule and others after getting slightly away from the town and we moved on them, so it didn’t take that much time to arrive at the destination.

“N~, would it be better if you turned small here?”

[Kyan] [Naa~]

It’s unhabituated mountain, but it would be unsuitable to keep riding on Joule’s and other’s backs on this mountain, so I had them turn smaller.

The space between the trees is considerably narrower compared to the Gaya Forest, so it doesn’t seem like running around in their big forms would be good.

[Garu~]

Vector was in his small form since I summoned him. Well, although I say small, he’s as big as Allen and Elena. Rather, Vector is slightly bigger.

“Now then, what shall we do?”

“Herb~”

“Searching~”

“Eh? Herb searching? It’s not like we have accepted a request, it’s okay to play around,

you know?”

When I asked the children what they want to do, they returned an unexpected reply. I thought of receiving a request before coming here at first, but I somehow didn't want to go to this place's Adventurer's Guild, so we have not received any requests today. That's why I thought of normally playing today, but to think they would want to do herb searching...

“Lemme see~... ah!”

Right. It might be a good idea to look for the materials and herbs used as spices for curry. When I looked around lightly, and as I thought, I found a mint growing nearby.

“Allen, Elena. Shall we look for plants and herbs for today's meal?”

“ “Un, let's do it~” “

Allen and Elena have displayed a great motivation.

At the same time, Joule and others drew closer to us.

“Oh, everyone will help us out?”

[Kyan] [Naa~] [Pii~] [Garu~]

That being the case, I thought of searching for plants and herbs while strolling around the mountain, but——

“ “Ah!” “

“Allen, Elena?”

Suddenly, Allen and Elena began feeling presences from the surroundings.

When I also looked around with 【Detection】 , I sensed several presences at some distance away.

“Ah~...”

Furthermore, they are surrounding us from all sides.

The presences are also gradually approaching us. This is obviously not the movement of animals or monsters. No need to guess, this is...

And then, after a few minutes, ten-odd people holding weapons appeared.

We are just passing by, they won't be saying that, will they? As I thought, they are bandits, aren't they~

When I used 【Appraisal】 to see their status, their occupation had properly 【Bandit】 beside it. We have encountered a troublesome group.

“Head~ They are a man and two brats”

“No woman, huh. You bastards, kill the man and steal the valuables. Don't kill the brats, we are going to sell them”

[Ussu!]

It looks like fighting can't be avoided.

Even if you kill bandits, it won't become a crime in this world. But, I don't think of proceeding to kill them. I do not intend to hesitate because they are dangerous, but I don't plan on staining our hands on opponents of such degree. I would like to avoid taking lives as much as possible.

I thought of reaching my hands and pulling Allen and Elena behind me, but the two are already in a complete battle mode. Even if I tell them, they won't obediently back away, right?

“Allen, Elena. Are you not willing to let Oniichan take care of this?”

“Allen too~”

“Elena too~”

...Un, they are eager to act.

“Oniichan wants to be entrusted with this?”

“ “..... Doing~” “

They seemed to be conflicted a little, but they don't withdraw. How unfortunate.

“Ah~... then, can you go easy? You must absolutely not kill, okay?”

“ “Can do~” “

The two are usually obedient, but they are surprisingly belligerent.

“Joule, Feat, Bolt, and Vector will...”

[Kyan] [Na~u] [Pii] [Garu]

...They are fully motivated as well.

“...You guys hold back too, okay? Please, avoid killing as much as possible”

[Kyan] [Na~u] [Pii] [Garu]

Everyone except Bolt are in their small forms, but all of them should be able to instantly kill if going seriously.

I beg you, don't overdo it! We obviously have too much fighting power!

“You bastards, let's go-!”

[Oooh――]

With the command of the man called Head, the bandits simultaneously rushed at us.

Using it as a signal, the children faced the bandits.

“ “Yaa!” “

“ “Guwa...” “

[Kyan] [Nnaa] [Garu~]

“ ““Guwa...” ““

[Piii]

“Giyaa———”

The bandits decreased in numbers in no time.

Ah~ Lemme see, lemme see... un, they are fine. They didn't die.

I thought it would be difficult to render the bandits incapable of fighting, but it appears the children can properly control their power. I'm a bit relieved.

“You bastards, what are you doing against brats, dogs, and cats!!”

“H, however, Head! These guys are str~ong!”

The Head gets angry seeing his underlings get beaten one after another, and the remaining underlings are preparing to flee.

“ “Yaa!” “

“Gufu”

“Gawa”

Thus, Allen and Elena knock them out as well.

Not being able to endure, the Head faced the children while holding a knife——

“You bastards! If you want to live——guha!”

Vector slammed into the Head with all his power.

“ ““H, Head!!?” ““

[Garu~♪]

The Head flew slightly backward, but Vector's attack was a simple ramming attack... he will surely live...

"T, there's no way we can win against fellows like these~~~"

"Oopsy, I won't let you escape"

"Hiii!!"

Looking at their companions getting beaten one after another, one of the remaining bandits tried to escape.

I swiftly move behind him and place a knife against his throat.

"Are all of your companions here? Ahh, will you also tell me where your hideout is?"

"P, please wait-!"

"If you don't answer quickly, my clumsy hand might slip, you know?"

"Hiiiiii!! Talk, I will talk! I will talk so, p, please spare me..."

When I lowered my knife, the bandit immediately answered my questions.

CHAPTER 70

HIDEOUT

According to what I heard from the bandit I have caught, there are less than ten of companions in the hideout.

Moreover, it seems that the hideout is in a place on this mountain.

In truth, I wanted to report the information obtained from the bandit when we returned to the town, but would it be better to clean up the hideout since it's nearby?

“ “Finished~” “

While getting the needed information from the bandit, Allen and Elena ran up to me. It appears they have defeated all of the remaining bandits.

“Welcome back. Were you able to properly hold back, I wonder~”

“ “Un. Able~” “

After confirming the defeated bandits just in case, there wasn't anyone who died.

When I tied the bandits with a rope so they couldn't escape and wondered whether to bring them with us to the hideout, Vector looked at me with some kind of expectations.

Somehow, when I tied the end of the rope from the bundle of bandits, Vector was——

[Garu~♪]

He was easily dragging ten-odd adult men behind him in a happy mood.

I thought that Vector looked strong the first time I saw him, but it seems it was just like that.

I couldn't be bothered, so I decide to have Vector transport the bandits.

We immediately went towards the bandit's hideout.

Will we arrive at the hideout soon? When I used 【Detection】 with such thoughts, there were seven responses. These responses must be the remaining bandits.

When quietly moving from there, we immediately discovered a hideout-ish cave.

When I peeped at the situation, I saw the bandits having a drinking bout at the cave's entrance. Their appearances are not different from the bandits we have defeated, but I use 【Appraisal】 to check just in case.

Un, they are bandits.

From what was told to me, the remaining numbers were around ten, so it can be said that seven is everyone... but, because they use the inside of the cave as a dwelling, there's a possibility of others being inside... as expected, even my 【Detection】 can't check the cave's interior.

Well, after tidying up the people outside, should we examine the cave too?

“Yaa!”

“ “Guha” “

[Kyan] [Nnaa] [Piii]

“ ““Gyaa———” ““

[Garu~]

“ “Ugyaa-” “

While having such thoughts, the children immediately defeated the bandits drinking at the front of the cave.

“Hahaha~”

My turn didn't appear once again.

Well, let's assume that it's alright that my turn didn't come. But, however!

“Vector! Stop chasing after the bandits while dragging bandits behind you”

Vector's behavior was a bit intolerable, so I have cautioned him.

[Garu~n♪]

However, Vector I have cautioned returned expression that seemingly wanted to say "Eh? Why?".

Vector should be the oldest one among the contracted beast, but... can I settle this with being a simple-mindedness?

First of all, because I would feel awkward if the bandits we have caught with great troubles die, I unfasten them from Vector and tie them up to a nearby tree.

I ask Joule and others to watch after the bandits after tying up those who were rolling on the ground and decide to enter the cave with just me, Allen, and Elena.

“ “Onii~chan” “

“N?”

“ “There~” “

Allen and Elena call me to halt and point at a wall immediately after entering the cave.

It looked just like a wall, but now that I look at it, it certainly looks suspicious. When I strongly push against the wall, the wall of rocks started moving. It was apparently a trapdoor.

“This is amazing”

When I peek behind the moving wall, there was a small room filled with casually piled up things. Money, weapons, ornaments, art, and bottles of liquor.

I guess this is the treasury room where bandits store their loot. It's surprising to see a hidden room that can be only found in dungeons in a normal cave.

“Allen and Elena, good job noticing. You are amazing~”

“ “Ehehe~” “

When I pat and praise Allen and Elena, the two get bashfully happy.

Now then, the rights to the bandit's property—all of the various articles transfer to those who caught them, otherwise, those who have defeated them. In other words, there's no problem for us to take it.

Therefore, I decided to store everything in the [Infinite Storage] for the time being. It would take time to sort it out. I will check the contents later.

After collecting the treasure, we continued walking to the depths of the cave.

When advancing smoothly to the depths of the cave, not meeting a single bandit on the way, we have arrived at a prison-like place.

Several women and children were locked in that prison.

When we arrive at the prison, the people inside got simultaneously scared. However, when they confirm our figures, they alternate their gazes between the children and me.

To them, it must look like I'm one of the bandits who abducted the children... as expected, it will make me sad if they make such mistake.

But, it's okay, right? The fright the women showed when we entered disappeared...

"Umm, we are adventurers. We have defeated the bandits, so please be at ease"

"Eh? R, really?"

"Yeah, everything is all right now. I will open the prison now"

When I appeal to them that they are okay, that it's safe now, the voices of relief resound.

I immediately grasped the key hanging on the wall and unlocked the prison, then we took the escorted the people outside.

"...We are saved, aren't we?"

After getting out of the cave, the women who saw the tied up bandits muttered. There were some who even shed tears.

I was worried about having the bandits who injured them at the same place as them, so I drove away the bandits to a blind spot. I would like them to endure with that for now.

Now then, the problem now is what to do with the women and children that were caught.

There's a distance of a half a day on foot from here to the town. It's not an unwalkable distance, but I'm afraid they don't currently have the strength to walk that far.

But, while that may be true, it's not like we can leave from here to get a carriage.

Although the bandits are tightly tied up, I can't be sure that there aren't any survivors. Of course, a monster attack is also possible. They won't be able to defend against that.

I could leave Allen and Elena with them, but although there wouldn't be a problem of fighting power, the girls' anxiety would be fanned with Allen's and Elena's appearances.

Conversely, staying behind myself and sending Allen and Elena to town...

In the first place, I didn't have an opportunity to be separated from the two for a longer period of time yet. As expected, it's impossible to perform without rehearsal.

U~n, I'm troubled... what to do?

"Say, Joule. Could you pass a letter to the soldiers in the town?"

[Kyan]

Oh?

After wondering whether Joule or others could run to the town on my behalf, I tried asking without expectations, yet Joule gave me a reliable reply.

"Eh? Will you be really okay? Can you go to the town alone and let them know?"

[Kyan!]

When I confirm with Joule just in case, Joule barks as if saying "Leave it to me".

Shall I leave this to Joule?

"Then, Joule. Be careful, okay?"

[Kyan]

I decided to have Joule go to the town with a letter.

The letter says that we have defeated the bandits and gained control of their hideout. I also wrote that there were women and children held prisoners in the hideout.

Then, I requested for their protection and arrangements for carriage and to escort the bandits.

Joule's mission is to hand over that letter to someone in the town of Bailey and guide them to this place.

Just in case, I handed my identification papers to Joule, and I saw Joule off to the town.

IDLE TALK 8

Joule's Errand

My name is Joule.

I'm a wolf-type monster known as Fenrir, a Contracted Beast of my Goshujinsama, Takumi.

The reason I became Goshujinsama's Contracted Beast is that the Water God's Head Retainer-sama said so. At first, I headed towards the person who would become my Goshujinsama while thinking why the order came from Head Retainer-sama and not Water God-sama. Because I was told to, I had no choice but to go. It was like that.

However, the moment I saw the person who would become my master in the far distance, somehow, I was convinced that this person was my "Goshujinsama". I want to be helpful to this person, I thought.

Goshujinsama didn't seem to be aware that I came to serve him as a Contracted Beast, but although bewildered, he accepted me. At that time, I got patted, but Goshujinsama's patting is very exquisite.

It felt rea~lly good. I want to be patted more.

Goshujinsama is an "adventurer," so he defeats monsters and travels to various places. In that case, there are many opportunities that I can be active. I'm strong, I can give Goshujinsama ride and travel fast.

He will patt again if I do good, right? Yosh, I will work hard~!

Also, Goshujinsama is accompanied by two children—Allen and Elena.

The two are very obedient, good children. Well, they are raised by my Goshujinsama, so it's only given that they are good children.

Ah, I'm bigger, so I'm Oniichan, you know? That's why, I'm properly looking after them~

Feat, Bolt, and Vector who also are Contracted Beast have joined us, but everyone loves Goshujinsama, Allen, and Elena. Of course, we, the Contracted Beasts also get along.

But, the number one Contracted Beast is me♪ Don't forget that part!



Today, we were summoned by Goshujinsama with the plan of giving Goshujinsama and the children a ride up to the mountain where we would play a lot.

And yet, and yet! Many bad looking uncles turned up. They seem to be called “Bandits.” They are apparently bad guys.

I won't forgive them for getting in my way! I will beat those guys to pulp~!

[Kyan]

“Guwa...”

Seriously~~~ so weak~ Even though they were in such high spirits, it's boring when they fall down so easily~

But, but, I got patted by Goshujinsama~♪

After that, we moved a little and defeated those fellows friends, then Goshujinsama went deep inside a cave and returned with many women and children.

He said they were caught by the bad guys. However, Goshujinsama was troubled because of those people.

“Say, Joule. Could you pass a letter to the soldiers in the town?”

[Kyan]

It appears Goshujinsama was troubled about how to return the people back to the town.

Because of that, he seems to want to call the people from the town. However, he can't leave the people here because it's dangerous.

If that's the case, leave it to me!

“Eh? Will you be really okay? Can you go to the town alone and let them know?”

[Kyan!]

Of course, I can. If it's for Goshujinsama, I will do anything!

"Listen, okay? I don't mind if you move in your original form, but you have to be small in front of people, so you don't raise vigilance. Still, you could be mistaken for a monster, so make a distance at first and approach very slowly, alright?"

[Kyan, kyan]

Un, I understand! Leave it to me!

I descended the mountain while seen off by Goshujinsama. On the way, when Goshujinsama and others couldn't see me anymore, I returned to my big size. This way is faster, after all.

I also met wolves on the way, but wolves are not my match, you know~ Weak, weak! I defeated them easily, but... it's pity I can't give them to Goshujinsama. Goshujinsama would praise if I brought them to him~ It can't be helped now, though~

After descending the mountain, I continued on the road we came from.

...Umm, Goshujinsama summoned us here, right? Un, there's no mistake.

—*Kun, kun*. Umm, people are that way. Would it be better to be small from here?

Yosh, this is good! Then, let's go to the town!

Ah! That's the town. And there's the place where people are coming in and out~

There he is. Soldier-san at the gate.

I go to the place where I would be visible to Soldier-san~

[Kyan, kyan]

O~i. I'm here~ Look over here~

Ah, he saw me.

Because people noticed me, I approach a little bit~

[Kyau~]

I'm not scary~ I'm not an enemy~

"What? A dog?"

"Seems like it. It's wearing a collar, so it's a pet dog?"

Is it fine now?

In that case, I will give you letter from Goshujinsama that's in a bag Goshujinsama tied on me.

[Kyan]

Hey, Ojisan. Read this letter~

I hold the letter in my mouth and slowly approach the uncles and co.

"Oi, that dog, it's holding a letter?"

"Haha. Seems like it. You want us to read it?"

[Kyan!]

Right, right. Uncles, please read it~

"Seriously? This dog, did it just nod?"

"Right~ It looked like that to you too~"

Because I thought it's already fine, I went with the letter close to the legs of the uncles and appealed.

“Here, give it to me”

One of the uncles received the letter.

Ya~y. Goshujinsama~ I have properly handed over the letter~

“N~lemme see, lemme see... ——What!?”

“What’s wrong? What’s written in it?”

“Read it”

“N~... ——Eh, are these contents real? It’s not a trap to lure us out, is it?”

It’s not a trap! My Goshujinsama wouldn’t do something like that*mon*.

Ah, right! Goshujinsama gave me his identification for a time like this.

[Kyan]

Look, here~ look at it, look at it~

“What? Identification papers? Let’s see... ——Wwha!?”

“What is it!?”

“This identification, it’s from A-rank adventurer”

“Come again!? A-rank!? Is it perhaps from the person who sent this letter!?”

“That’s probably it. Then, this letter should be genuine. We have to let now the top immediately... ahh, we also have to confirm with the Adventurer’s Guild!”

It seems they understood?

“Hey, you come too”

I was lifted by Ojisan.

I don’t like being touched by strangers, but it can’t be helped, so I will go obediently~

Rather, I'm a Fenrir you know, is it fine for you to take me inside the town so easily~? It's convenient for me, so I don't really mind, though~

"You, your fur is amazing, isn't it~ The touch feels soft and fluffy"

That's right. It's amazing, right! That's because my Goshujinsama makes it beautiful! Ojisan brought me to a place called Adventurer's Guild while stroking my fur.

This is the place Goshujinsama receives work~

After coming inside, Ojisan addressed a woman and asked about Goshujinsama.

"Yes, indeed, that adventurer—Takumi-sama has come to this town. He's acting together with two little children, so I think he sent this puppy to deliver the message because he didn't have anyone else to let the town know"

Un, un, right, right. Oneesan, right on the money~!

Allen and Elena are still small, you know? To separate them from Goshujinsama, I, Feat, and Bolt wouldn't permit it.

Vector is... n~ I dunno. He just became our friend, I have not grasped Vector's personality yet~

"If that's the case, the contents of the letter must be true. Prepare a carriage immediately!"

"Understood. Ah! It would be better to report this to Feudal Lord-sama..."

"Feudal Lord-sama? Well of course we will report after bringing the bandits and the kidnapped people back?"

"No, I didn't mean that... Takumi-sama and the children are Feudal Lord-sama's acquaintances, so perhaps Feudal Lord-sama will have instructions to give..."

"What!? Is that? Seriously?"

"Yeah, it's the truth"

"As expected a low-class soldier like me couldn't go to bring the news~"

"I will request Guild Master to contact Feudal Lord-sama"

"Ooh! Then, I will leave it to you. I will return to the gate and advance the preparations"

N~? Has the discussion finished?

[Kyan]

Hey, hey, you didn't forget about my duty to guide you there, did you?

"Ahh, right. The location of the bandit's hideout was written in the letter, but it also said that you could guide us. Will you obediently wait here until the preparations are done?"

[Kyan]

Yosh, yosh, it seems he didn't forget. Well, it can't be helped, so I will patiently wait. I'm a good boy*mon*.

However, I want to quickly return to Goshujinsama's side, so hurry up, okay?

CHAPTER 71

RETURN 1

After seeing Joule off, I decided to distribute emergency food to the people who were held as prisoners. Because they seem to have not eaten anything decent for a while.

I will have Feat and Bolt continue watching over the bandits and surroundings, and I think of asking Allen and Elena to help me.

...Vector is sprawled next to the bandits. He seems to be sleeping, so I will leave him alone.

“Allen, Elena. Come and help me for a bit~”

““Ye~s””

Now then, what should I cook? I think something easy to digest sounds good, but... would a tasty soup with well-boiled ingredients be good?

““What doing~?””

“Could you two grind this?”

““Un, got it~””

I will have Allen and Elena make fish balls.

I fillet the Arrowfish we obtained in the Dungeon of Ripples and ask the two to grind them with a pestle. I don't have a food processor, so we use a mortar and pestle for grinding medicinal plants as a substitute.

Mortar and pestle—I have acquired few sets for when making curry spices.

While Allen and Elena are working, I put water in a pot and chop vegetables one after another.

“Allen, Elena. How is it?”

““N~?””

I take a peek at the fish the cooperating children ground.

“Oh, it looks good~”

““Onii~chan, done~?””

“Un, it’s done~ thank you”

““Un!””

I receive the fish paste Allen and Elena made, mix it with eggs, minced ginger, and salt... and it’s done!

From what I remember, the method of making fish balls included potato starch, but I don’t have it so it can’t be helped. I do have corn, though~ Let’s look for the potato starch next time and use this for today!

“Allen, Elena. Next, do this like that...”

The vegetables are boiled just right, so I show them how to scoop the fish balls on a spoon and put them into the pot.

“Make them into mouthful sizes and put them in. Can you do it?”

““Can do~””

“The hot water will jump out if you put the fish balls in the pot too vigorously, so do it slowly, okay?”

““Un!””

“Yosh! Then, let’s do it”

The three of us peacefully insert the fish balls into the pot.

After the fish balls are cooked, I adjust the salty taste... and it’s done!

The seasoning is simple with salt. I could have made it with soy sauce or miso too, but

they should be more used to eating the saltiness.

““Looks delish~”“

“Thank you. Would Allen and Elena like to eat too once we distribute it to everyone?”

““Un!”“

Without delay, I serve the soup in bowls and distribute it to the children and women.

The tableware I had at hand wasn't enough, but I somehow managed by using cups as soup bowls. I should get a little bit more tableware, don't I?

A chance for distributing emergency food like that might not happen again, but I will purchase more immediately after returning just in case.

Also, on occasion, let's purchase a proper furniture, so I don't have to use a wooden box instead of a kitchen table. I would also like nice stools for Allen and Elena.

““Delish~ right~”“

[Nnya~] [Piii] [Garu~n♪]

Allen and Elena start eating together with all contracted beasts except Joule.

When I was about to deliver the soup to Vector, he was standing on alert before the pot before I noticed... what a calculating personality Vector has~

Once Joule returns, I will let him eat lots as a reward.

After the meal had finished, their complexions got a little better, and they also seem to have calmed down. They thanked us for the meal, and said “It was delicious” as their impressions.

After the meal, we have spent the time slowly.

Then, before the sun started setting, I could see the soldiers climbing the mountain. It seems Joule returned and brought along people.

《Goshujinsama, I have returned~!》

“Eh!?”

Joule who swiftly returned plunged into my chest.

At that time, a boyish voice resounded directly in my head.

《I was able to do it properly~ Praise me, praise me~!》

I heard the voice again. This is a 【Telepathy】 .

The owner of the voice is definitely Joule.

“Yosh, yosh. Joule, thank you~”

[Kyau~n, kyau~n]

When I pat Joule who wonderfully accomplished his errand, he let out a comfortable cry.

In the meanwhile, when I confirm Joule’s status, there was 【Telepathy】 as I thought.

《Joule, when did you become able to use 【Telepathy】 ?》

There are others around, so I use 【Telepathy】 as well and try asking Joule.

《Just a little bit ago! I was able to use it while returning! With this, I can chat with Goshujinsama~》

《That’s right~》

It appears he learned it while on the errand. With this, I’m able to communicate with Joule without speaking.

Until now, the proficiency of my 【Telepathy】 skill was low and I could use 【Telepathy】 only in a one-way. However, because Joule and others understand my speech, I didn’t find the need of using 【Telepathy】 .

Although it's a perfect skill to give instructions to others without letting others know.

《By the way, Joule. Could you stop calling me Goshujinsama?》

《Why~? Goshujinsama doesn't like it~?》

I decided to change Joule's way of addressing me.

Although no one would hear our conversation, being called Goshujinsama is a little bit embarrassing, so I would like to be called differently. Urgently.

《N~ Rather than not liking it, I won't be able to get accustomed to it, or won't be able to feel calm? Just Takumi is fine》

《Muu~》

When I told him he could call me by my name, Joule raised a displeased voice. He apparently doesn't like to call me by my name.

《You don't like that? Then, do you have an easy way of addressing me that isn't Goshujinsama?》

《N~~~ Then, can I call you Oniichan?》

《Un, you can》

《Ya~y. Oniicha~n》

I'm used to be called "Oniichan," so I would prefer that over Goshujinsama. In the first place, Joule and others also seem like younger siblings to me.

By the way, according to Joule, Feat and others are also apparently calling me Goshujinsama.

It's possible that Feat and others will learn 【Telepathy】 too, so I spoke to them and told them not to call me Goshujinsama.

Then, the other three also settled on the "Older brother" relationship.

I'm interested how they will address me now, but I will look forward to the day the three animals can speak to me directly.

《Ah, Allen, Elena. I'm back~》

Joule switches his gaze to Allen and Elena and jumps into their embrace.

““Jou~le?””

《That's right! It's me!》

““Oo~ Jou~le, welcome back~””

《I'm back~》

Although surprised by Joule's 【Telepathy】 , Allen and Elena immediately started playing with Joule who safely returned.

“Takumi-dono”

While watching over the children, my name was suddenly called.

“Eh!? Ricardo-san?”

When I look back, I saw that the soldiers were already here. It appears they arrived while I was talking with Joule. Among them was a Knight of the Risner House——Ricardo-san.

It must have been Ricardo-san who called me. Apparently, not only soldiers were dispatched to secure the bandits, but Knights as well.

“Were you dispatched by Cedric-san?”

“Yes, that's correct. It's only natural for us to come when Takumi-dono is awaiting support after catching bandits”

Natural... is it? Rather, they have already reported to Cedric-san, huh...

Umm... this matter won't raise any ruckus, nor it's something to get angry about, right?

“Did Cedric-san say something?”

“He was grateful. The actions of these bandits were recently too flashy, so the damage they caused increased. I would like to thank you as well. Thank you very much”

Ricardo-san lowered his head, and I panicked.

“N, no. It’s only by accident that we have encountered them...”

“But still. It’s thanks to Takumi-dono that these people were safely rescued. By the way, Takumi-dono. These animals are... putting the puppy and kitten aside, is that bird perhaps a Thunderhawk? Also, that red one is still young, but it looks like a Scarlet King Leo to me...”

“Ah...”

...Crap.

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RETURN 2

“Umm...”

Ricardo-san has properly seen my contracted beasts.

Moreover, didn't he completely saw through Vector's real identity!

It appears that Scarlet King Leo that is Vector can be distinguished even in the small form.

Un, I knew! Of course, I knew!

When Joule gets small he looks like a puppy, Feat looks like a kitten, however, the little Vector still looks like a lion!

Because the women I have saved didn't make a fuss about it, I completely forgot to return him~~~

As expected, it wouldn't be possible to deceive him after seeing this much. Un, let's prepare for the worst and introduce them~

“Ricardo-san, those children are my contracted beasts”

“Contracted beasts!? Eh, that harmless-looking puppy. And also that kitten, they are monsters!?”

Hearing that they are my contracted beasts, Ricardo-san finally realizes that Joule is not just a puppy, but a monster.

I could have insisted that Joule and Feat are just normal pets. However, that would spring discussion where the two came from. That's why told him honestly.

But well, it would be safer to be quiet about what type of monsters they are.

“I'm sorry, but please return first Bolt, Vector”

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[Garu~n]

Because I'd like to avoid further troubles, I have Bolt and Vector whose identity have been seen through return into my shadow first.

Fortunately, we weren't near the bandits and the saved women and children, so no one except Ricardo-san and the several people who came to us got to know, so it unexpectedly didn't become an uproar.

Allen and Elena are currently embracing Joule and Feat, so I left them as they are. I still have not given Joule his reward after all.

"So, Ricardo-san. What shall we do from now on? Do you have any instructions?"

I have plainly evaded the topic and asked Ricardo-san about his original purpose. He probably approached us only to give his thanks for capturing the bandits.

"Ah, yes, that's right. Takumi-san, please depart towards the town immediately and take the women and children with you"

The people who were victims of the bandits are to return to the town first, and the bandits will be escorted later. Also, some will remain here at the hideout and watch out for the bandit remnants who will return tomorrow, so we are splitting into three groups.

"Also, I have a message from Cedric-sama. [Please return at once] "

"...Roger"

That message without a doubt doesn't mean "to the town," but "to the mansion."
Don't make any detours and return straight to the house.

While talking with Ricardo-san, the preparations to descend the mountain has been already finished.

Well, the bandits have been properly restrained, all that was left was to prepare the women and children for the travel. They have been divided into groups of those who

can't move by themselves and those who can.

Besides, in order to return before the night falls, they couldn't afford to be slacking off.

I descended the mountain together with children at the end of the envoy, and we returned to the town in carriages that were prepared at the bottom of the mountain.



"Takumi-san, Allen-kun, Elena-san, welcome back"

When we return to the Risner mansion, Cedric-san came to greet us first for some reason.

At glance, he seems to be smiling, but... somehow, he's exuding a different emotion. An angry one at that.

"...We have returned. Cedric-san, thank you very much for dispatching your people. Thanks to that, the matter has been smoothly settled"

"No. That's a matter of course, so please don't mind it. Rather, I should be the one thanking you for catching the bandits who were rampant in my territory"

Let's go to the office first, we went to Cedric-san's office first just as he said, but Cedric-san's state is really on my mind.

What is it... as I thought, he seems to be angry...

But, the last words we have exchanged were words of gratitude. Ricardo-san thanked me about the bandit's matter as well... then, is it a different matter?

...Have I done something to spoil Cedric-san's mood?

It would be faster to just ask about it myself, huh...

"Umm... Cedric-san. Did we unknowingly do something to you?"

Because we have arrived at the office, I asked him at once.

"No, there's not such a thing"

“...Is that so?”

Cedric-san denied it. It doesn't seem like we have done something, but...

“Yeah, it just when I tried to ask about the new bread I had received yesterday, Takumi-san and children have disappeared first thing in the morning”

“ ... ”

Eh!? Cedric-san is in a bad mood because of that!?

In fact, yesterday when we returned with the new bread, Cedric-san had a visitor, so we left it with Joshua-san. That day, we weren't able to meet with Cedric-san at all.

And because today, we have gone out early in the morning, we weren't able to meet Cedric-san again.

No, of course, I have notified the servants that we are going out, but... Cedric-san is angry about that... Rather, that's the cause of his sulkiness?

“Ce, Cedric-san, I'm sorry for not directly talking to you—!!”

“No, no, there's no need to report to me every single time Takumi-san goes out”

“N, no! I should have given you a word before leaving”

Yeah, he had some impressions about bread, but he couldn't meet me. What to say about this reason... I couldn't even imagine it.

“Then, please keep me company and slowly talk to me about the bread later, okay?”

“Yes!”

When Cedric-san shelves the matter regarding the bread, he then fixedly stares at Joule, and Feat Allen and Elena are holding.

“So, Takumi-san. I heard that it was a puppy who informed the town about that matter? It’s the one Allen-kun is holding, right? You also had a kitten... you have not had any animals with you until now, didn’t you? Since you have sent it on an errand, it’s not like you have picked them up today, right? Just where these children were until now?”

Because there were no animals with us since the day we arrived at Cedric-san’s mansion, he’s curious about where they have been staying until now.

Well, since my contracted beasts have been exposed to by Ricardo-san and he will surely let Cedric-san know later, I have no intention of concealing Joule and co.’s existence now.

“These children are contracted beasts”

“Contracted beasts?”

“Yes, that’s right. Therefore, I don’t usually summon them”

“Is that so? Weren’t you reserved at our home?”

“No, that’s not the case. There are not many opportunities to summon them within a town, so. Ah, in addition to these two, I also have another two contracted beasts”

Ah, it’s only natural, but I keep silent about Kaiser.

“They are obedient and adorable for being monsters, aren’t they? I’m not much knowledgeable about monsters, but what kind of monsters are they?”

“ ... ”

The problem is Joule’s and others’ race. Now then, what should I do?

I would like to keep it secret from as many people as possible, but—I don’t think it’s necessary to keep it a secret from people who are taking a good care of me.

I know that Cedric-san isn’t a person who would make a fuss about it even if he gets surprised.

In that case, shouldn’t I normally tell him?

“Allen-kun, Elena-san. What kind of monsters are those children?”

““... Nnya?””

While worried about what should I do, Cedric-san suddenly switched his question to the children.

Allen and Elena alternated between Cedric-san’s and my face. And then——

““Umm, you see~...””

“Fuenrir~!”

[Kyan!]

“Cel taiga~!”

[Nnaa!]

When Allen held up Joule and showed him to Cedric-san, Joule cried in greetings. Then, when Elena held up and introduced Feat, Feat also cried in greetings.

“Haa?”

Cedric-san raised his voice in surprise at the children’s words. Following after that, he turned towards me while making *gigigi* sounds.

“Takumi-san?”

“Ah, by the way, the other two are——Bolt, Vector, come out~”

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[Garu~n]

Taking advantage of Allen’s and Elena’s actions, I summon Bolt and Vector and show them to Cedric-san.

“Wwha!?”

Cedric-san who saw Bolt and Vector was lost for words at last.

Unexpectedly, the impact seems to have been really large.

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TRUST

It was several minutes later that Cedric-san regained his motions. I heard him quietly mutter "It's Takumi-san after all..." that time. It was a trivial mutter that an ordinary person wouldn't be able to hear, but I ended up catching it with my hearing ability that was increased by the improvement of my physical abilities.

...To consent just because "it's me"... I wonder about that.

Whether to insert a tsukkomi for being treated like that, or be delighted that he got used to my out of standard affairs... un, it's troubling.

First of all, let's ignore Cedric-san's muttering.

"Fenrir and Celestial Tiger... in addition, Scarlet King Leo and Thunderhawk... it was something I've asked, but was it all right to tell me?"

"I didn't intend to keep it a secret no matter what so it's fine"

I regard highly Allen's and Elena's opinion of other people.

Since the two have introduced Joule and Feat by themselves, it means the two have befriended Cedric-san.

I mean, the two won't talk to people they meet for the first time or people they don't trust in the first place.

On the contrary, they keep quiet even if spoken to.

If they get used to you, they will return a greeting if greeted, but it takes a certain level of trust before they will hold something like a conversation with you.

[A person Allen and Elena trust] = [A person that is harmless to us, or perhaps even beneficial]

I perceive it like that.

"Well, I would like if you could avoid talking about that if possible though"

“No, no! I won’t! This is not an information that can be readily spread to others!”

“Hahaha~ Then, it’s alright”

Un, because he gave an immediate reply, Cedric-san is a good person as I thought.

After that, we have explained the details of meeting the bandits and going towards the hideout to Cedric-san. It was like a light investigation. Well, it was in a fixed form so it finished soon.

After speaking about the bandits, we talked about the bread as promised.

“What was that whitish thing you have used on the fish bread?”

“Ah~ are you perhaps talking about mayonnaise?”

“Mayonnaise is it?”

From the new bread that was brought to Cedric-san, he was most interested in the Tuna Onion Bread. Moreover, as soon as he bit into it, it wasn’t the tuna, but the mayonnaise that startled him.

Dishes made out of tuna exist, I have apparently just not found them yet, so he knew that it was a fish.

Dried, salted, pickled, pickled in oil... because this is a world where such techniques are indispensable, it might be only natural to say that they have it.

There are also other techniques such as smoking and cheese processing.

It’s just that they recognize them as finished products and eat them just like that. There seem to be little to no improvements after that.

Even if they took another step, the food development wouldn’t stagnate for hundreds of years...

“Yeah. Put an egg yolk into a little of vinegar, mix in oil and add flavoring. You can mix it with fresh vegetables (salad), or use on dishes as a sauce”

I saw sparkles in Cedric-san’s eyes.

Un, I can understand what he wants to say even without hearing it~

“...I will teach it to the Head Chef next time”

“Thank you very much!”

I told Cedric-san that I would teach the mayonnaise recipe to the Risner House’s Head Chef before he could ask.

And while at it, I will ask him to pass the information to the cooking department of the Craftsmen Guild.

Since Cedric-san doesn’t know, I think that there’s nothing like mayonnaise on Aetherdia.

I’m sure that spreading mayonnaise will be convenient. If it spreads, I should be able to avoid troublesome situations when I run out. It’s for the future.

Well, I wonder if someone who will sell mayonnaise is going to appear soon~ I have such little scheme. It would be better if I don’t have to make it myself.

Ah~ but, I will have to properly convey to use fresh eggs and tell them about the length of time which food products can be eaten. Also, to be careful of overeating?

“Ah, right, right. Takumi-san, there hasn’t been a problem with the ingredients for the curry spice, may I push the discussion forward?”

“Yes, go ahead”

I see, there hasn’t been a problem with the medicinal plants~

“I’m planning to bring the discussion to the Fiji Company since they are acquaintanced with Takumi-san. They are indebted to Takumi-san there, so the interest rates for Takumi-san should be quite flexible”

Apparently, the curry spice will get me percentages of the sales, not just money from the recipe itself.

Although Cedric-san undertook the negotiations, why do I feel like there’s no profit for him?

“That dividend? Is Cedric-san getting something out of it?”

“Me? Why?”

“Eh? Why, you ask... Cedric-san should receive remuneration too, right? You were the one who is going to commercialize the curry spice, you were the one who examined the state of the medicinal plants, you will also surely undertake more negotiations in the future. I myself haven’t done anything, you know?”

Even though I was the one who provided the recipe, I really did only that.

Cedric-san is going to obviously spend more time and labor than the time I spent on the spice mix.

Rather, I wonder if the curry spice is fine to spread just like that... I gave it a passing mark, but it’s far from complete. There’s room for improvement.

Crap... I started feeling a bit uneasy...

Ah, but the chefs of the Risner House are using the curry spice I have given them and they are experimenting on what food it matches with. The quality and differences will spread at the hands of the people...

Anyhow, people who will research the blend of spices itself may actually appear. That wouldn’t be possible unless the spices are widespread...

Then, it’s fine, isn’t it? To leave it like that...

“No, no, if it’s profits, I have them”

Eh? Cedric-san has profits too?

“That the spice will spread with its place of origin in our territory is a profit in itself. And most importantly, my relationship with Takumi-san is my biggest profit. Please, accept the remuneration without minding, Takumi-san”

“...”

The relationship with me is a profit, huh...

Because I’m an A-rank adventurer and it would be easy to obtain materials of high-

rank monsters?... To be frank, it doesn't need to be me. There are other A-rank adventurers.

Because I will be useful in subjugating bandits like this time? Although I say that, it's only by coincidence that we came across the bandits.

Contract with S-rank monsters? I've just told him about it, so it's weak as the reason.

Speaking frankly, I don't think that I have that much of a value...

"Kukuku~ It's curious, aren't you~"

For some reason, I was laughed at by Cedric-san. Was I making such weird face, I wonder... I'm frowning, so it's quite possible.

But, I think that it's reasonable. It's difficult for me to accept it as a profit.

"Well then, Takumi-san. Won't you let me eat [French Toast] as the compensation for my labor?"

"French Toast, is it?"

I didn't think that a dish like that will come out off Cedric-san's mouth.

"I hear that it's Allen-kun's and Elena-san's favorite dish. They spoke about it to Theodore and Latis"

Ahh~ Which reminds me, the topic of the children's favorite bread came out when Allen and Elena were getting along well with Theodore-kun and Latis-kun~ So they told about it to Cedric-san, huh~

I see, being able to eat unusual food and receiving my guidance becomes my value, huh.

Even if I think 'it's only food,' I ascertained its value back in the Shirin as well.

"Roger. I will make it first thing in the morning"

If French Toast will make Cedric-san happy, why don't I make it!

““Furench Toast~!”“

When I announce French Toast for tomorrow's breakfast, Allen and Elena who were obediently sitting beside me were delighted.

They really love French Toast.

[Kyan! 《Oniichan, I want to eat it too!》]

[Nnaa!]

Following after them, Joule and Feat also appealed.

I have also received Joule's telepathy.

The next morning, I've made the French Toast as promised, but rumors that I was making something unusual again spread around the mansion for some reason, and the servants of the Risner House quickly gathered.

Un, everyone what happened to your work...

In order for the mood to not become like during the curry all over again, I showed the chefs how to make it (they have pleaded with me, so I allowed it) and left it all to them. As expected, I wouldn't want to make it for everyone all by myself!

By the way, we and the Risner family had the bread I've baked myself, but others used a round, normal bread.

They were further astonished by the baked bread, but the French Toast was naturally a great success.

It reached the extent that a French Toast occasionally appears on the dining table of the Risner House.

IDLE TALK 9

MARIANORA'S OBSERVATION RECORDS 1

I'm Marianora. I'm the God of Creation of this world, Aetherdia.

I have four children who are supporting me.

Fire God Salamanteel, Water God Windell, Wind God Sylphreel, Earth God Nomoodle.

All of them are adorable kids.

One of such children of mine apparently has children! That means, my grandchildren. Grandchildren!

I would like to hold them in my hands and love them to my heart's content, but... how unfortunate. It looks like there are circumstances and I'm unable to meet them~

I will eventually get to meet them, I decided to look forward to it.

Then, one day——

“Ara, ara?”

“Marianora-sama, did something happen?”

Because I suddenly spoke out, the head retainer of Light who was on my side, Luce worriedly called out to me.

“Sylphreel you see, I feel like he failed again~?”

“Sylphreel-sama did...”

One of my children, the most enthusiastic and diligent at his work, the child who rules over the wind. Because he's a bit of a scatterbrain, he fails once every millennium, doesn't he~

This time, he tried to fix a distortion, but he made a mistake in the amount of power, didn't he? Ara, ara because of that, a person got involved, huh.

He's a hopeless child, isn't he? Should I be happy that only one person got involved? It

appears he's getting reincarnated, so let's give that man a blessing as well.

Ara, does Sylphreel perhaps intend on leaving those children in that man's care?

Yeah, I was right after all. One way or another, we are all worried about those children, aren't we?

"Marianora-sama?"

"Ara, ara I'm sorry. It appears that Sylphreel made a mistake in the amount of power he used"

"Eh!! Is there any damage!?"

"One man from another world got involved"

"Eh!?"

"First of all, I will talk with a person in charge of that place~"

Although it's just one person, a dweller of another world has gotten involved, I have to talk with a god of that place.

Thinking such, I left things in Luce's care and prepared to cross over.



The person Sylphreel got involved and apologized to—Takumi-san, he's a person from Earth, right?

Now then, what should I do? There are numerous gods on Earth. I'm troubled at whom am I supposed to meet~?

Let's see~ Takumi-san is Japanese, so should I meet someone from there? Japan, huh... umm... would Amaterasu-sama be good to meet? It would be easy to meet if it's that person since we are already acquaintances.

I immediately went towards Amaterasu-sama's place.

"Excuse me for intruding"

"N? Ohh! Isn't that Marianora-sama! Long time no see!"

"Yes, it has been a long time. Amaterasu-sama, please excuse me for the sudden visit"

"I don't mind, don't mind. Come whenever you please. So, what is your visit about?"

Amaterasu-sama welcomed me who suddenly came over.

Amaterasu-sama is a person with long, glossy black hair and obsidian-like eyes, she a serene-like goddess. We are both goddesses, but she's a woman I admire very much.

Especially that voluptuous chest and those killer hips! So enviable~~~

Ahh, it's not the time to be thinking about such thing.

"I'm truly sorry, Amaterasu-sama. Today, I came to give you an apology"

"Apology?"

"Yes. Actually, one of my children involved one of the humans from here while repairing a distortion"

"Un? Wait a moment... —Ah, so it's that. Un, it certainly happened. I didn't notice because it wasn't a large number of people but just one. Don't worry about the casualty. I feel sorry for him, but it won't have any influence here, so it's fine. Rather, I should be sorry for being late with dealing with the distortion from our side"

"No, don't mention it"

It appears that Amaterasu-sama hasn't been aware of this event yet. I'm glad she isn't angry because of the casualty~

Even if just one soul disconnects from the cycle of life, the resources of that world could decrease. When that happens, it would mean an outbreak of chaos. It's just a minor detail, but Amaterasu-sama's work has definitely increased. Despite that, Amaterasu-sama said not to mind it in that way. What a nice person~

"So, what happened to him?"

"The plan is to reincarnate him in my world. We are preparing for that now"

"Ah, since his soul got completely altered, it's not possible for him to return, huh. Un, I understand. Well, if it's you, I don't have to worry about him being treated unfairly. I leave him in your care"

"Yes. I will properly look after him"

He has already received my blessing, so I will immediately know if something happens to him and I think that Sylphreel with a strong sense of responsibility also won't take

his eyes off him, so it should be fine.

“So, Marianora-sama. I wonder if you have time for a cup of tea?”

“Yes. Would it be all right for me to keep you company?”

“Of course it is! I will prepare it right away”

I was invited for tea by Amaterasu-sama, so I spent a little of leisure time.

“Ara. This is very delicious, isn’t it?”

“Isn’t that right? This is ○○do’s roll cake!¹ This has been recently my favorite!”

“There are many of very delicious things, aren’t there~ The Gâteau○○○ pudding² I received last time was also superb~”

It’s really delicious~ Even though I could eat it whenever I wanted if this was over in my world... I can only say that it’s unfortunate.

“That was certainly delicious too. One delicious thing after another come from Japan, so I have to be careful not to overeat”

“That sounds so nice~ Over at my place, such development doesn’t happen that often~ I’m envious~”

“Japan is a nationally prominent at producing various things after all. But, when it comes to the number of ingredients, there should be much more at your place. Fumu. He, who went over there. I don’t know his skills nor taste, but he’s Japanese. Isn’t there a possibility that he could contribute over there?”

“Ara? That’s certainly true. I would be happy if that were the case~”

Because Amaterasu-sama said that Japanese are a nation that pursues delicious things, won’t Earth’s dishes be reproduced on Aetherdia thanks to him?

Ara, ara that’s serious! Once I return, let’s inquire about his skill a little. Right, in case he doesn’t have a cooking skill, let’s give him one! Like that, he could reproduce at least some simple dishes, right? Ara, I somehow got really excited~



““Welcome back”“

“Luce, I’m home~ Ara, Fonse came too”

Luce and the head retainer of Darkness, Fonse welcomed me.

“Yes. So, Marianora-sama. How did it go?”

“Everything’s fine~ I’ve got a permission”

“That’s a good news”

Luce and Fonse showed relief.

Well, if a god from over there got angry, we wouldn’t know what could happen after all.

“Right, right. Here, take this to Sylphreel’s place and have him forward it to that person please”

“This is?”

“Japanese food. Amaterasu-sama took into consideration that he would be suddenly separated from his birthplace, so she prepared various things”

“Is that so? I will immediately deliver it”

“Ah, please tell Sylphreel to come over later”

“Yes”

After that, although I didn’t summon Sylphreel to scold him, he came over while making a pathetic expression.

Seriously~ what a hopeless child. If you have the time to be worrying about, watch over Takumi-san’s situation properly. Even if we entrusted those children to Takumi-san, we still can’t be lax, right?

“By the way, Sylphreel. Do you know whether Takumi-san has a cooking skill?”

“Cooking, is it? He has it. He should be quite skilled at that, you know?”

“Ara, really?”

That’s a good news~ I look forwards to the future~♪

IDLE TALK 10

MARIANORA'S OBSERVATION RECORDS 2

My grandchildren—Windell's children have been entrusted to Takumi-san by Sylphreel.

After that happened, the children become lively beyond recognition. Their malnourished bodies have considerably improved and their taciturn expression gradually became childish.

Sylphreel's baton is moving in a good direction, isn't it?

And, above all—

"They look happy, don't they?"

"Ara, does it look like that to you?"

As Luce said, the children look very happy.

"Yes. I feel that Takumi-dono really loves those children"

"You think so too~"

In spite of pushing our circumstances on Takumi-san, he's treating the children very precious. They look like real siblings.

Even though it would be normal to be little perfunctory about it, I don't see a bit of it.

All I see is that he wholeheartedly loves them.

The possibility of their power running wild has not changed, but it's obvious that I would rather see my grandchildren being happy.

We have been blessed with a really good person~ I can feel at peace.



Ara, sweet buns have finally arrived to Aetherdia!

Ah, Cream bread is there too!

I'm really glad that Takumi-san is skilled at cooking!

Oh my! He made Anpan as well!

What should I do~ Having Anko means that there's a possibility of wagashi being made~ Manjuu, Dorayaki, Youkan... can I expect those?

I'm looking forward to it~ Takumi-san, please do your best!

My, my! It's jelly this time. The things called sweets have been finally born on my world as well.

It's sweets, sweets! What a wonderfully sounding word~

I wonder why there are only dry and crumbling cookies in my world? Don't be satisfied with just that, I would like if you had more spirit~

Compared to that, Takumi-san is really amazing~ to use slimes as ingredients~ his creative power is very rich~ how wonderful~

Now, now! Don't be reserved and quickly spread that throughout my world, okay? If it doesn't become established in the world, I won't be able to eat!

"Ah~..."

"Marianora-sama, what's the matter!?"

"My jelly has..."

Fruit jelly, milk jelly, black tea jelly... the jelly made in large amount has... all of those got stored in Takumi-san's 《Infinite Storage》.

At this point of time, Takumi-san had a chance to popularize the Cream bread and he's currently in the middle of being rolled up in something troublesome. He can't show off the newly made jelly in that...

I understand Takumi-san's thoughts, however~~~ with great troubles! To not be able to eat sweets that have appeared in my world with great troubles... nai waa~

Oh well~ since it came to this, we have no choice but to make it ourselves!

"Say, Luce. The jelly Takumi-san made, won't you try making the same thing?"

"Eh?"

"I mean~ I can't wait until it spreads throughout the world~"

"No... however, making things is in Marianora-sama's area..."

Ara, that was the case, wasn't it~ I'm the God of Creation after all.

"Then, I shall do my best after a long time"

"Eh! Ehh!? Y, you are going to make it!?"

"Ara, didn't Luce say to make it myself~"

"W, wait a moment please—!!"

"What~? Luce, what's the matter? Why are you raising your voice like that?"

"If Marianora-sama's makes a poor use of your powers, the redundant power will erupt volcanos, raise tsunamis, split ground, and incur tornados~ Somehow! Somehow, please wait~~~"

Ara, ara, I was stopped by the crying Luce~

My power is fit to create continents, spread oceans, and make large things. That's why, when creating little things, the left over power would spill out no matter what, won't it~

That would just a slight~ly affect the surface~ But, if I properly pay attention, it would have only little effects, so I think it would be all right in the end~

Since Luce is pleading so much, I will endure for a little longer...



Ara? Ara, ara? It appears that the children are learning magic.

If they learn to control their magical power, the possibility of running wild will greatly decrease.

Un, un. I'm glad~ I can set aside my worries for the continent to sink under heavy floods for the time being~? Ah~ but, but~ the possibility of drought still remains?

N~ they are stable now, so I think it should be alright though~ well, I can't be negligent, but it's not necessary to be vigilant as before~

Nevertheless... fufufu~ the children look very happy, don't they~ Moreover, they completely look like younger siblings~ how pleasant~

Ah, that's right!

“Say, Luce. Is there currently someone among retainers in child rearing and education~?”

“No, there isn’t. We have a little to no relation to that area after all. Someone suitable hasn’t appeared yet”

“What about Takumi-san? Doesn’t his affinity seem very appealing?”

“Takumi-dono, is it...? He certainly has the affinity, but he’s Sylphreel-sama’s retainer, you know?”

“Ara. But, he’s also a person with my blessing~”

I think that it’s a very good idea~ Un, I think I should do it. Let’s entrust it to Takumi-san right away...

—Un, and done!

“Ma, Marianora-sama!?”

“Fufufu~ I entrusted [Nurture] and [Education] to him. Tehe☆”

“W, we have to let Sylphreel-sama know~~~”

Luce went to Sylphreel’s place in a hurry.

I wonder what reaction will Sylphreel and Takumi-san have~? I’m looking forward to it a bit~



“Marianora-sama”

“Ara, isn’t that Salamanteel? What’s the matter today?”

One of my children, the Fire God Salamanteel visited me.

“Marianora-sama knows of Syl’s retainer who reincarnated here from a different world, right?”

I wondered what it was, is it about Takumi-san?

“Of course~ What about him?”

“That fellow’s contributions related to cooking are incredible, so I thought about giving him a reward, you see”

“That’s right~ Takumi-san is spreading various dishes, isn’t he~ Isn’t that good~?”

“Marianora-sama is well-informed”

“That’s because he’s a person I placed my expectations on~”

Jam buns, dried fruit, and nut bread are spreading relatively quickly, and most recently, the Cream bread has been getting popular~

It can’t be helped that the spreading is slow because of the world’s limited goods~ but still, it’s steadily spreading, so I have no complaints~

Anpan will soon follow.

Jelly hasn’t come to light yet, so it unfortunately still has a way to go. I’m happy that French Toast is spreading though~ well, that’s about it.

Because it seems that Takumi-san is also doing various dishes on the side, I’m in approval of Salamanteel’s wish to reward him~

“Hee~ is that so~ Syl, that fellow- he told me that he would talk about it with the retainer next time he spoke with him and told me to wait until then”

“Fufu, I understand what Sylphreel wanted to say~ Takumi-san would get shocked if gifts suddenly appeared in front of him~”

“I understand that too, but I would like to send it immediately after making contact. That’s why I came wondering if Marianora-sama could give me a word the moment the communication comes~”

Fufufu. It’s rare for Salamanteel to ask for a favor, but the contents are adorable, aren’t they~

“Is that no good?”

“I don’t mind that much~ It’s Salamanteel’s request after all~ I will ask Sylphreel about his retainer later”

“Thank you, Marianora-sama”

Territory and possessions are irrelevant to Takumi-san, so he’s always active~ What a truly reliable existence~

Would it be better for me to prepare a reward as well? Let’s think about it a little.

CHAPTER 74

ORDERED GOODS

“Hello~”

“Ou, it’s Niichan, huh. I was waiting for you”

Today, we are visiting the blacksmith which we visited on the day we arrived in Bailey. It’s in order to receive the accessories made from Kaiser’s scales and Evil Viper’s skin equipment I have requested.

When we enter the store, Boss was repairing weapons lined up on the shelf. Even though there seem to be other people to tend the store, he also has a disciple like Rudius-san, and yet Boss is performing the actions with a good feeling as if learned by heart.

“Oy, Rudi. Niichan has come~ Quickly bring your work of art over~!”

“W, wait a moment please~!!”

In order to bring the items we have ordered, Boss immediately called Rudius-san who inside. Rudius-san’s voice returned from a distance.

“Sorry about that. It seems that fellow worked to the very last moment”

“I’m looking forward to it”

Rudius-san was apparently working to the very last moment.

Boss said so exhaustedly, but I’m looking forward to it if he’s so concerned about it.

“Then, I will hand you over this first”

Saying that, Boss pointed at the gloves, breast plate, and gauntlet from Evil Viper skin lined at the counter. In addition, a gauntlet for Allen made from a different material.

I pick up the articles one by one and confirm their completion.

“Thank you very much. All of them have been made nicely”

“That’s excellent to hear. Evil Viper’s skin is really good material. I’ve been able to get a good experience too. Thank you”

When I thank for the various articles, Boss gave me his impressions about Evil Viper’s skin in return.

This and that about tanning, manufacturing progress... he talked a lot. I didn’t understand over a half of that, but I couldn’t find the timing to stop him, so I decided to listen to Boss’ impressions for a while.

“So, Niichan. Did you not bring the hawk you are keeping?”

“...Speaking of being here, then he is”

Boss was satisfied after talking about the manufacturing, but his next topic was about the hawk. Namely, it’s about Bolt.

“N? Is he outside? Since you have the chance, how about trying it?”

“...Umm, is it fine inside the store?”

“I don’t mind. Since it’s a hawk Niichan is keeping, I feel like it will be something incredible. Please, try it out by all means”

Yesterday, the existence of my contracted beasts came to light, so even if I’m unwilling... isn’t it fine?

“In that case... —Bolt”

Boss has given me his permission, so I put the gauntlet on my arm and called Bolt at once.

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“Wwha!?”

When Bolt flew out of my shadow, Boss raised his voice in surprise. It’s startling after all~

Speaking of Bolt, he nimbly turned around in the narrow space of the store and lightly landed on top of my arm.

Un, the gauntlet feels nice. With this, Bolt will be able to land on my arm even if I’m not wearing a coat.

“Oy, oy, oy! Niichan, isn’t that a Thunderhawk!”

“Yes, that’s right”

[Pyuru]

“...Niichan is full of surprises. I really didn’t think that a Thunderhawk would come out. Haa~ to think there would be a day I would be able to get so close to a Thunderhawk...”

It appears that Boss has expected that I would bring a monster instead of an ordinary hawk, but as I thought, he didn’t expect that I would bring the pinnacle of the hawk class monsters.

Because he was already plentifully startled by the materials I have brought—Leviathan’s scale, Evil Viper’s skin, Mithril Spider’s thread, he nodded in consent just a little while after being surprised by Bolt. Far from that, he began observing Bolt.

“Onii~chan! Allen too~”

“Oh, right. Allen wants to try it too?”

“Un!”

After I move Bolt from my arm to my shoulder, I place a gauntlet on Allen’s arm he presented.

“Bolt~ come~”

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When Allen called Bolt, Bolt moved from my shoulder to Allen's arm.

When Bolt landed on the arm of the small Allen, Bolt looked truly big~

"Ohh~! Bolt, good child~"

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Allen started patting Bolt who landed on top of his arm.

"Elena too~ Bolt, good child~"

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Elena got closer to Allen and Bolt too and started patting Bolt.

While the calm and gentle mood just started flowing, Rudius-san came out from the depths of the store.

"Thank you for waiti... wha!! Why is a Thunderhawk in here!?"

He noticed Bolt before anything else.

"Niichan is keeping that one"

"Eh! Ehh!?"

"Rather than that Rudi, you are late. Will you not promptly show the articles!"

"Y, yesss, I'm sorry. These are the requested articles"

Pestered by Boss, Rudius-san swallowed his surprise and lined up three pendants on top of the counter.

The first one is a diamond shaped fragment of the scale with detailed patterns engraved on the framework. It's a simple design with a few decorations.

The second one is a drop shaped fragment of the scale intertwined with a vine and small flower motifs. This one is surely Elena's.

The third one is a circle shaped fragment with a snake... no, a water dragon's motif? Its lengthy body is looped, it's the design where the dragon holds its tail in its mouth.

"Hee~ All of them look nice, don't they?"

""Ohh~""

I think all of them are wonderful. Allen and Elena were sure to peek at the counter and raised their voices in admiration.

I'm satisfied overall, but there's one thing on my mind. There's a small, colorless gem used in what I believe is Elena's pendant, but it feels as if it were loose. That's probably because it's a glass bead.

"The gem used for this flower is glass, isn't it?"

"Ah~ ... you could tell after all..."

"Why did you not use a jewel instead?"

"...Because the price would rise if a jewel was used, I hesitated to use it because of my own selfishness. Besides, this is young lady's so... umm, you see..."

"Hey, Rudi! Will you spit it out clearly!!"

"Uwa! Y, yes! I thought that there are no jewels suitable for children!! I'm sorry~!!"

It appears he understood that it's for a child, so he hesitated to use a jewel.

"Can you replace it?"

"Yes, I can do that immediately"

I understand Rudius-san's opinion on jewels and children, but we can't let it be in this loose state.

I would like to replace it if I can. Something expensive is a bit... but, it will lose to the water dragon...

"About that jewel, what do you want to use? There are not many kinds around the workshop, but..."

“Let’s see... what does Elena want to do?”

“N~?”

“I’d like to exchange this glass, what color do you like?”

“Umm, you see... ah, Elena likes pearls~!”

“Oh?”

Since it’s for Elena anyway, I asked for her favorite color, but she didn’t answer me with a color, but a type of jewel. That answer was slightly unexpected!

But, as for a pearl, I think it will compliment the design’s mood very well. I do have pearls the size of rice grain with suitable color at me too.

“Pearl, is it? I think pearls would be oversized, however... in the first place, pearls are expensive even among other jewels, you know?”

I see. Pearls are high class even among other jewels, huh. I didn’t know that.

“I thought of using this”

First of all, I retrieved several pearls the size of a rice grain from the 《Infinite Storage》
The colors are white, pink and yellow, that’s about it?

“Eh! Ehh!? What the hell is this~!!”

“Umu~... these are~ pearls, aren’t they? It’s my first time seeing such small ones. Moreover, so many in different colors...”

“Eh!? These are pearls!? Seriously!?”

“Niichan is seriously... it’s weird to take out these amazing things one after another, okay!”

No I mean, I would like to use what I have at me, you know~ If there’s an opportunity to use it and I won’t assertively use it then, it will go straight to the storage.

“I think the size should be fine, but what do you think?”

“Y, yes. It should be fine if it’s like this”

“Then, Elena. Which color do you like?”

“Elena likes this~”

Rudius-san said that the size is fine after taking a look at the pearls, so when I let Elena choose the color, she chose a pink pearl.

“Ah, yes, this is it then? In that case, I will attach it at once. I will stick through the string too, so would it be alright to take measures for the length?”

He braided the Mithril Spider’s thread and it became like a plaited cord.

“The children are already wearing pendants, but what would you like to do? Let them wear two?”

“Eh!? Ah...”

I forgot that Allen and Elena are already wearing pendants with sealed magic effects. Ah~ wearing any more than this will be obstructive~

“N~... ah, right! Could I ask you to shorten the strings?”

“What do you want to do?”

“I thought of attaching them to their bags as decorations”

If it’s fastened next to their magic bags similarly to a keychain, it won’t get in their way. The plan was to hang it from their necks and hide it under their clothes, so there won’t be a problem if it’s hidden by the hem of their shirts.

“I see. I understand. Umm, which one does the boy prefer?”

“Ah, that’s right. Allen, this or this, which one do you like better?”

Which reminds me, Elena has already decided, but I haven't asked what Allen which likes better.

I immediately presented the two pendants to Allen and let him choose which one he likes more.

"Ntone~ Kaiza~"

Allen chose the one with the water dragon design.

Nevertheless... Kaiser, huh. As Allen said, the water dragon's motif looks just like Kaiser. Leviathan's appearances were unexpectedly transmitted accurately.

"Kaiza~?"

"Ah... it's a name of a water dragon from a picture book"

"Ah, is that so? This one it is then"

I was able to deceive him well if I say so myself, all's good.

Rudius-san went immediately to work, but he finished without taking too much time. We have received the ordered goods, all that's left was to pay, but—

I wanted to pay with the powder from water dragon's scales and pay the rest with money as planned at first, Boss and Rudius-san have stopped me.

They requested me to sell them not only the powder, but also the scraps from the Evil Viper's skin and the remains of the Mithril Spider thread's plaited cord instead. Not the unused skin and thread from cutting, but the remnants from the manufacturing process. Isn't that garbage... is what I thought, but the two made me silent with their serious eyes. Even if it has no use to me, it's enough material to use for them.

This is that, isn't it? The feeling I had when I saw the garbage dump site of the mermaids. Our positions have reversed though.

However, as I thought, I was hesitant to "sell" that to them, so I decided to give it to them. As thanks for doing a good job!

Also, because Bolt has started grooming before I noticed, they appealed to let them have a feather that fell of Bolt by all means. This, as expected, wasn't possible to gift them, so I decided to sell it.

As a result, I made a considerable amount of money instead.

I received the goods I have ordered and got money... Iya~ how strange~

EXTRA 1

CERTAIN DAY'S SCENE: COSTUME PAJAMAS

“Allen, Elena~”

““Uniyu?””

“Would you like to wear this today?”

““What is tha~t?””

“N? It's new pajamas~ Do you not like them?”

““Will wear~!””

“Alright. Then, let's change right away”

““Un!””

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““Nya~””

“...Uh!!”

(They are absurdly adorable though!? Won't they get kidnapped like this!?)

CHAPTER 75

REPURCHASE

We who left the blacksmith searched for a furniture store with the thoughts of buying a bed and a table that would be used as kitchen table next. However, on the way, I noticed that this world doesn't have a store that displays and sells furniture. At most, you can order to have it manufactured.

When we entered a workshop and I asked about the manufacturing, they seemed to be free at the moment, so they could make it in five days.

In that case, I decided to order it while we are in the town.

I intended to let them use the Gaya trees, but manufacturing good materials would take more time, so I gave up. Let's use another opportunity to use Gaya trees for furniture.

Then, we walked around the store for a while buying small things such as tableware.

After shopping and returning to the Risner mansion, we were guided by Joshua-san to Cedric-san's office while having an unrelated discussion.

Rather Joshua-san, if you have something to discuss, I wouldn't plan on escaping even if you didn't have that 'I won't let you escape' aura around you~

"Cedric-san, we have returned. I heard from Joshua-san that you have something to discuss, but..."

"Ah, Takumi-san, welcome home. The reward for the bandit subjugation has been processed, so I thought of giving it to you"

A reward for the bandit subjugation...?

I see. Even if you didn't receive the bandit subjugation request, those who subjugate them receive the reward?

"This is the reward for the subjugation of the [Red Cat Group]. Also, there were those with bounties on their heads among the bandits, so it has been decided to sell off all of the caught bandits as slaves. This is the payment from that"

Moreover, because the bandits were caught without being killed, they have been sold as slaves. The payment from that was prepared too.

“Also, Takumi-san. You have collected the belongings of the bandits from the hideout, right?”

“Yes, I did collect them. Huh? Should I return them?”

“No, no, that’s not it. All of that is already Takumi-san’s. It’s just that I would like to confirm whether a silver-framed painting is among it”

“A silver-framed painting? Wait a moment please. Umm... —”

I immediately spread out the item list and search for the painting.

“Ah, there it is. I think this is probably it, but...”

I take out the corresponding item from the 《Infinite Storage》 and place it on top of the table.

Hey, doesn’t this feel suspicious! Moreover, it’s not abstract, it feels awfully realistic...

Ah, hey there! Allen, Elena, don’t stare at it!

I immediately covered the children’s eyes.

““Uniyu~?””

“Stay like this for a bit”

““U~n? Got it~””

Allen and Elena found it strange that I abruptly covered their eyes, but they obediently abide when I told them to stay like that for a moment. It helps that they are obedient children~

“Yeah, this is it without a doubt. Takumi-san, there’s a person who would like to repurchase it, would that be fine with you?”

I don't know whether it was stolen, but there's someone who likes this painting to the extent of wanting to repurchase it?

How curious~ is what I thought, but honestly, I would be delighted if someone took it from me.

"Yes, I don't mind. It's just... how do I negotiate this type of thing?"

"I don't mind if you leave it to me. Although I say that, I think of paying a fair amount of money to a specialist"

"That's no problem. Please take care of it"

The details around here will be surely all right if I leave it to Cedric-san.

I confirmed that Cedric-san let Joshua-san carry the painting out and I released my hands which were covering Allen's and Elena's eyes.

""Nniyu?""

The two who regained vision looked around restlessly.

"Huh~?"

"Not he~re?"

It appears they are searching for the painting that was in front of them before their eyes were blocked.

""No picture~?""

"Cedric-san told me [Gimme], so I gave him the picture"

"Hey! Takumi-san, that way of talking!"

Cedric-san who always has a calm atmosphere around me panicked at my words.

““Ohh~””

I made it easy for the children to understand that Cedric-san wanted the painting~ It was definitely not on purpose!

Moreover, because Allen and Elena were looking at Cedric-san while giving voices of admiration, Cedric-san got intriguingly flustered.

“Fu.... Kukuku~... I, it’s okay, the two don’t understand well”

““Uniyu?””

It was my first time seeing Cedric-san so flustered~~~

Allen and Elena looked at Cedric-san and me in turns and tilted their heads in puzzlement.

“Takumi-san, that was cruel... haa... excuse me, but Takumi-san. Do you perhaps have a pair of rings as well? They have names on the inside, the larger one says Robert. The smaller one has Liz on it”

Cedric-san took a deep breath and spoke about next repurchase.

Next is a couple’s ring, huh. Umm...

“Ah, there it is. I think this should be it”

“Is that so? About these rings...”

When I retrieve the rings from the 《Infinite Storage》 and put them on top of the table, Cedric-san looked like he had difficulty speaking.

“Umm?”

“Wait just a moment please”

Cedric-san went to Joshua-san who stood outside and Joshua-san immediately

brought a woman inside.

“I’m glad...”

When the woman entered the room and looked at the rings on the table, she took them in her hands and tightly hugged them close.

“...Err?”

I remember her. She was caught by the bandits, she was one of the victims locked in the prison.

Is that ring a memento by any chance!?

Thinking such, I looked at Cedric-san and he meekly nodded. It looks I was right.

“I can’t pay immediately, but I will definitely pay, so please let me take this”

“No, no, no! I’m fine. I will return it to you”

Impossible! It’s impossible for me to ask for money for articles left by the deceased!

“Eh, umm... is that really all right with you...”

“It’s something very important to you, isn’t it? I don’t mind, so please take it with you”

“T, thank you very much!”

The woman said many words of thanks and left the room with a silent bow and the rings hugging close to her.

“A moment, Cedric-sa~n. That was a memento wasn’t it?”

“Yes, that’s correct”

“No need to guess, there are more of them, aren’t there? Are there perhaps those who gave up because they don’t have money to repurchase the memento! I will return that to those people as well! Cedric-san, that was cruel. If you knew I would return it to

them, you should tell me normally, right!?”

“Even if I knew, I can’t deal with it like that without your permission~”

“Guh”

Cedric-san is certainly acting like the contact person of the repurchase, but it’s not like he can state the conditions on his own...

“Well, I thought Takumi-san would say so and made a list”

As expected! Able Feudal Lord’s work is fast! I apologize for laughing a while ago!

I immediately receive the list from Cedric-san, compare with the items in the 《Infinite Storage》, and retrieve various articles.

Maybe because it was before the bandits could sell it off, nearly all items were in my 《Infinite Storage》. Still, I can’t say all of them were.

“Then, I will hand the items to their owners”

“I will leave it to you. So, what is going to happen to those girls from now on?”

“Nearly all of those women and children were traveling so their families that accompanied became victims. The children with no guardians will be transferred to orphanage and the women will be given minimum aid to live in the town”

“Is that so...”

As I thought, their lives will become difficult from now on, won’t they...

“...Cedric-san, will that painting from a little while ago bring considerable amount?”

“Yeah, the frame itself is considerably good, so I think it should yield quite a lot of money”

“In that case, please invest that money in aid of the victims”

I have decided to let Cedric-san handle the money from the repurchase of the painting and add it to the funds of the aid for the victims. Like this, their livelihood will be much better.

The repurchase money would be just a casual income, so it won't hurt my pockets even if I contribute all of it.

“Takumi-san is really... thank you very much. You have my gratitude”

CHAPTER 76

DUNGEON OF RIPPLES • REOPENING

As we had quite a lot of rest, we arrived at the beach near a certain dungeon, thinking to reopen the capture of the “Dungeon of Ripples” we have encountered on the way.

In spite of being early in the morning, many of adventurers have already gathered at the nearby beach.

These adventurers are interested in the newly discovered dungeon and probably came to capture it.

This dungeon was untouched until now. Because the probability of discovering the treasure chests and hidden rooms in such dungeon is high, it's target of getting rich quick.

Many people are looking at the entrance and investigating the 50 meters long waterway.

“Excuse me. Could you please let us pass?”

“Oh, sorry—Ah!”

I called out to an adventurer dressed in black garments who was looking at the entrance in order to enter the waterway.

Then, he raised his voice in surprise after turning around while apologizing.

He seems familiar.

“Err, if I’m not mistaken... Takumi!”

“Yeah, that’s right. It’s been a while. Umm...”

“This reminds me that I haven’t introduced myself. I’m [Black Twin Sword] leader, Gray”

“Hello, I’m Takumi. These children are Allen and Elena”

Right, it was a person from the adventurer party [Black Twin Sword] who went together with us to the Gaya Forest.

By the way, he's a handsome blonde guy.

He's currently not wearing much equipment in order to swim in the sea, but if I remember correctly, Gray-san should be using a Japanese-like sword. I wonder if its stored in his magic bag?

Well~ he will be swimming from now on so sword and armor would only hold him back. Because I don't really have anything attached to me, I didn't notice that before.

"It's been a while. Thank you for the help in Shirin"

"Don't worry about it, are your injuries alright now?"

"I immediately got treated by the Knights Order after returning to the town. It fortunately wasn't anything serious. I was able to return to my normal life immediately"

They have been assaulted and injured by the Bloody Wolves during the expedition, but it seems they are alright now.

And they apparently quickly recovered and took on an escort request, left Shirin and arrived at Bailey. They arrived at Bailey just a few days ago.

As I thought, it would take at least that long with normal means of transport~

We have left Shirin after them and arrived at Bailey earlier. I can feel Joule's and Feat's worth~

"If I remember correctly, you should have five members, right? What happened to the others?"

I can see only two people including Gray-san. If their members didn't change since the expedition, they are short of three people.

"The three are currently going in"

"Ah, is that so?"

"Since you are here, Takumi is going to the dungeon too?"

"Yeah, that's right"

"You are babysitting as always, huh~ Well, it's an Intermediate level dungeon, so it's

safer than Gaya Forest, right~”

Because Gray-san knows of me taking children to the Gaya Forest, he casually accepted that I’m taking the children with me.

“We have returned~ ... huh, ehhhh!?”

A brown-haired youth about the same age as me came out from the sea and pointed towards us while shouting.

He’s one of the [Black Twin Sword] members too if I recall correctly.

“Randy, that was rude of you”

“Ah, yes. I’m sorry. But, why are you here!?”

“We are also capturing the dungeon”

“Seriously!? With the children again!?”

Randy-kun... calling him like that feels more fitting~

Soon after staring at the children, the youth called Randy suddenly extended his hands towards Allen’s and Elena’s heads.

However, the two escaped and hid from Randy’s hands behind me.

“Ah, they ran away!”

“Randy... what are you doing all of sudden...”

“No, I just unconsciously? Don’t you feel like patting and poking the twins?”

“It’s not like I don’t understand, but... however, it’s not like children would easily let their guards down before a stranger, right?”

It appears he wanted to pat Allen’s and Elena’s heads. Thus making Allen and Elena run away.

“No, but I’m not a stern-looking man like Bax-san~ so I thought I might be okay~”

Bax-san is one of [Black Twin Swords] members who stayed behind with Gray-san, he has dark brown hair and he looks like a tough man no matter how you look at him. And well... his face looks a bit aggressive. I don't know whether he's taciturn, but he didn't say a single word until now.

Also... there should be a man with a large shield if I'm not mistaken.

"...They will catch stupidity from you, so don't touch them"

"Bax-san, that was cruel~"

"...Your fault"

Ah, Bax-san spoke up for the first time.

Hahaha~ This party seems somewhat fun.

"Sorry about that"

"No, no"

Gray-san looked sincerely apologetic.

"We are having a lot of fun, but won't you go to the dungeon now? The two who went along will be worried if you delay for too long"

It's not like we can't catch up later, but have been floating at the sea's surface forever now.

"O, ou. That's right"

"Let'S go Bax, Randy. Give me the Mermaid's Breath"

"Roger"

"Mermaid's Breath?"

"N? Does Takumi not know about Mermaid's Breath?"

"Yeah, is it a magic tool?"

“This is it”

Because Randy let me take a look at the magic tool, I immediately used 【Appraisal】 on it.

【Mermaid’s Breath】

A tool with built-in wind magic stone that generates air for a certain period of time. The length of the usable time depends on the magic stone used.

“I don’t know the detailed structure, but it apparently creates air by using a wind magic stone”

Yeah, this is the magic tool Cedric-san was talking about.

This magic tool is apparently used by holding it in the mouth. Is it sort of an oxygen tank?

“The tools with lowest grade wind stones can be used only for several minutes and there’s a problem of durability, but they are relatively easy to get. This is also thanks to the Feudal Lord who prepared it for the mass production immediately after the dungeon was discovered”

Oh! As expected of Cedric-san! Isn’t he doing a good job~

“Although I say that, it’s not like everyone can get their hands on the magic tools, so the people will be divided by this waterway!”

Well, although it’s mass produced, it would cost something since it’s a magic tool.

Gray-san and others probably have only three magic tools. First, three people went ahead, one returned with the magic tools and the members who remained will use them again.

“If you didn’t know about this, how are you intend to go down, Takumi? You naturally

know that it's necessary to go through a long waterway to reach the dungeon, right?"

"Of course. We have a different magic tool"

"No way!! Do you perhaps have Mermaid Bracelets, Takumi?"

"Yeah, well"

Speaking of tools that assist breathing underwater, it's the Mermaid Bracelet. That's why Gray-san and others immediately named the magic tools we have.

They would see that we didn't get wet and the Mermaid Bracelets would get exposed anyhow, so I gave them a positive answer.

There's a way of hiding magic tools in possession and there are other ways to swim as explained in the guild, but there's no need to try deceiving them that much.

"That's amazing. There's certainly no need for this if you have the mermaid bracelets!"

"That's right. Then, please go ahead"

"Ou, sorry about that. We will go ahead"

"Yes. —Then, shall we go too?"

""Un""

We let Gray-san and others go first, we later follow after them and swam through the waterway.

When we finish swimming through the waterway, I elevate Allen and Elena out of the water first, then I crawl out just like the last time.

"Uo~ incredible~! You are completely dry!"

Randy who arrived earlier said in admiration when we got out of the water. It appears he noticed that we didn't get wet a single bit.

"Uo~!"

Randy who was soaking wet suddenly started chasing Allen and Elena.

““Ukya~”“

Allen and Elena raised their voices while escaping from Randy.

Because their tone wasn't that of being afraid or disliking it, but rather an amused one, I decided to watch over them first.

“Wait, wait—Ouch!”

But, it didn't continue for long.

“Bax-sa~n, what are you doing~”

“...Quit it”

When he crossed in front of Bax-san, Bax-san dropped his fist on Randy's head.

“Welcome back~”

““I'm back~”“

Allen and Elena used the chance and rushed straight into my embrace.

“Takumi, I'm truly sorry for our idiot!”

Gray-san sincerely apologized for Randy-kun's actions once again.

Even though you don't have to mind it that much?

“No, no. They seemed to be having fun, so it's fine. Right?”

““Un! It was fun~”“

“As you can see—It's just...”

“N?”

“It will be serious if you make a mistake, so you have to be careful... I mean, if you overdo it, you know, they will counterattack...”

If you carry the joke too far, it's possible that you will end up like the adventurer who picked up a fight with us in Shirin...

Randy's face turned ghastly pale at my remark.

“...They will kick me flying like the Bloody Wolf...?”

“Randy... aren't you glad you survived...”

“...I sure am”

It seems he recalled the time in Gaya Forest when Allen and Elena kicked a Bloody Wolf flying.

No, no, they certainly wouldn't counterattack with that much power... probably.

Un, they would surely hold back.

...Now that I think of it, wasn't that adventurer who picked a fight with us in Shirin in danger? They would have landed a full power ax kick on his head because I didn't stop them after all...

No, it's not like they disliked it this time, so everything was alright, wasn't it... probably.

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“Rather than that, wouldn’t it be better to get dry quickly?”

“Y, yeah”

When I said so, Gray-san and others took off their coats and started wringing their wet clothes.

“...Can’t you dry it with magic?”

It’s possible with the life magic 《Dry》. There should be relatively many people who use life magic, but they aren’t using it.

“We don’t have anyone who can use that kind of magic”

“That’s right, isn’t it~”

I see, they can’t use it. Speaking of drying water, in addition to life magic, wouldn’t fire magic or wind magic be usable too? Not all attributes are available in their party it seems~

I don’t want to pretend not to see, though~

“Stay still please — 《Dry》 ”

“N? — Oh! Thanks”

“...I’m thankful”

“Amazing~! It was instant!”

It doesn’t use that much magical power, so I dried Gray-san and the others.

Because I had a feeling that they would take off even their pants and underwear in order to wring the water out... Allen might be okay, but I wouldn’t want to show that

scene to Elena.

“It has been a while. Oh, I’m Aaron. I thought Gray and others were late, it appears they were talking with you. Thanks for the help in the Gaya Forest”

“I’m Virgil! I was sure that Randy did something again”

“Yeah, I thought so too”

“Aaron-san, Virgil-san too, how rude~...”

Then, two men who watched from the side approached us.

They are the members of the [Black Twin Sword] who came to the dungeon’s entrance earlier. The blonde one is Aaron and the black-haired one is Virgil.

“Long time no see. I’m Takumi. Sorry about that, they were late because of me”

“Don’t mind it. They weren’t that late”

Aaron-san and Virgil-san already wiped the water from their equipment, but their hair was still wet, so I used 《Dry》 on the two as well.

“Oh, thanks”

“That helps. So, it might be boorish asking since you are here, but are you here to capture the dungeon, Takumi? You didn’t come just for the visit, right?”

“Yeah, capturing the dungeon is our objective”

Visit is that thing, right? Where you take a step into the dungeon which will leave a record in your guild card and that’s all you want.

Because the adventurer guild cards also indicate the dungeon records, non-combatants visit various dungeons and enter them without capturing it.

Well, all the people would see is several [Dungeon of “●●” X／● floors] lined up, but some people use it to brag.

There also seem to be requests for “escort to a dungeon” in the Adventurer’s Guild.-
However, entering a dungeon without trying to capture it, I don’t understand that.

“That’s right~ Dungeons are to be captured, right~”

We are adventurers. We have to adventure after all!

“That being the case~ all of us are gathered, shall we go?”

“Let’s go. Takumi, do you guys want to go with us?”

They wanted to embark on the dungeon capture at once, but Aaron-san invited us to go together. The other members are also nodding in agreement, but——

“Erm... I’m sorry, but we go that way”

I said so while pointing at the transfer device.

Although capturing the dungeon together would be fun, we are unfortunately starting at the eleventh floor.

“““““Eh!?”“““““

Gray-san and others raised their voices in surprise.

Far from that, the other adventurers at the hall raised their voices too.

Is it just a little bit over one week since reporting the discovery of a new dungeon to the Adventurer’s Guild?

I don’t know how long it is since the official announcement, but it has been about three days since the official investigation?

Because they are surprised by the use of transfer device this much, it probably means that there hasn’t been anyone who finished capturing the first ten floors yet. But, it’s just a matter of time and there will surely appear those who will capture the tenth floor in a few days.

“Ah! I heard that the discoverer of the dungeon was taking care of children”

“Now that you mention it!”

“Then, he’s that guy!”

“Since he’s using transfer device, it means that he reached at least the tenth floor, right?”

“Far from being solo, are you saying he reached the tenth floor while accompanied by a hindrance? This isn’t a low-grade, but intermediate dungeon, you know? That’s impossible”

I hear various things from the surroundings.

As I thought, rumors spread that we are the discoverers. There was such ruckus about it that time, so it can’t really be helped~

“Eh!? Takumi discovered the dungeon!?”

“Seriously!?”

“Are you serious!”

“...Yeah, well”

It appears that Gray-san and others didn’t know. However——

“I’m surprised, but it’s a believable story since it concerns Takumi”

“““I hear that”””

“Right”

They were in agreement for some reason.

Being considerate, Gray-san and others took their leave without asking further questions.

We made a promise to have a meal together if we meet in town next time. We went to the transfer device.

“Then, Allen, Elena. Touch the crystal”

““Ye~s””



We, who transferred straight to the tenth floor descended on the eleventh floor.

The eleventh floor was the same as the first ten floors, but the waterway in the center disappeared and the entire floor was submerged instead.

The volume of water isn't that much as the water reaches only up to my ankles, but it appears that we will have to walk through water all the way.

"Allen, Elena, are you alright?"

""Is fine~""

The two were stepping on and splashing the water.

This depth is not a problem even for the height of the children, but I have to think some countermeasures in case the water gets even deeper.

"Tell me immediately if you get tired, okay?"

""Ye~s""

I thought that moving through the water would have a far bigger burden on them than on a normal surface, so after firmly instructing the two, I decided to continue advancing.

""Not coming, huh~""

"Really..."

While walking in high spirits, we haven't encountered a single monster. Just some traps would get occasionally set off.

Advancing while avoiding the traps further—

""Ah""

Allen and Elena suddenly raised their voices and begun running accompanied by the sounds of splashing water.

When I chased after them in a hurry, there were about five Water Lizards in their destination.

““Tooh~!”“

““Sha———”“

Allen and Elena who vigorously ran jumped up with the momentum and landed at the two Water Lizards who were crawling on the floor.

““ 《Water Needle》 ”“

Following that, they formed needles from the water spreading on the ground and brought down the remaining Water Lizards.

The dropped items of the skin and tusks were floating in the water.

““Defeated~!”“

Allen and Elena picked up the dropped items and cheerfully ran up to me.

“Thank you for your hard work~ But, is this the path you wanted to go on?”

““Uniyu?”“

“You turned left on the way, remember?”

The two started running immediately after noticing the Water Lizards and took a left on a crossroad. They may not have gone the way they wanted to and just chased after the monster presence.

When I check with the two while patting their heads——

““Ehehe~”“

Allen and Elena tried to dodge the question by tilting their heads and laughing. How cute you are, oy.

Because there weren't any monsters, they chased after the first signs without noticing... that's probably how it went.

"Then, what do you want to do? Take a look and go this way? Or do you want to return?"

""U~n""

We aren't really going for the shortest route, so I don't mind dropping on the way, we can decide after returning too.

"This way~"

"Let's go~"

"Alright! Let's advance this way then"

""Un!""

As a result, the two chose to continue going this way, so I decided to continue advancing.

Well, we immediately found the stairs down and quickly found the stairs on the twelfth floor as well.

We found a place which wasn't flooded on the thirteenth floor, so the capturing was suspended for a while.

It's still early to sleep, but because the floor is immersed in water, it would be better to rest if you can regardless of time.

Although we won't get wet thanks to the Mermaid Bracelet, sleeping with part of your body soaking in the water is a bit...

That being the case, we decided to finish a meal and go to sleep early.

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“Morning”

““Morning~””

We have plenty of sleep, so we will start with the capture of the thirteenth floor but... breakfast before that.

“Allen, Elena. What would you like to eat for breakfast?”

““Ntone~ Kurry~””

“...Curry?”

““Un, kurry~””

I see, curry huh... a heavy request right after getting up came~

““No good~?””

“It’s not that but... well, it’s not that suitable for breakfast you see~”

I have also eaten curry for breakfast before, but I’m of the opinion that curry is better for either lunch or dinner~

““Then~ crab~””

Crab... hot pot!? The only crab dish I fed to the two is the crab hot pot, isn’t it!? Ah, didn’t I make a soup too? The scope is different although similar. Well, I have the soup but you know~

“...Erm, would a different way of eating be alright instead of a hot pot or a soup?”

““Un!””

I see~ Should I boil the crab and make kanitama¹ or something?

Alright, let's do it!

The kanitama was delicious and we resumed the capture after a short rest.

""Yaa!""

""Kisha———""

Allen and Elena jumped forward and unleashed a strong kick.

Right now, the two are defeating Army Crabs one after another.

Army Crabs are somewhat larger compared to Sand Crabs, they are monsters with hard shells and large claws. Although I said hard shells, I judged it not to be a problem and didn't stop Allen and Elena when they plunged at them, but... to encounter crab monsters right after eating crabs...

""Haa!""

""Kisha———""

The Army Crabs turn into drop items of shells and claws one by one.

The tough shells of Army Crabs are used as materials for armor, but... it doesn't look like it at all after seeing the two.

""Finished~""

"Thank you for your hard work~ You are not injured, are you?"

""Un!""

After finishing all Army Crabs, Allen and Elena returned after picking up the dropped items.

""So many crabs~! Delish~?""

“Ah~ This crab can’t be eaten”

It’s not like Army Crab isn’t edible, but there aren’t many parts which can be eaten.

““I see~”“

They seemed a bit disappointed, but they understood that it can’t be helped and started picking up the remaining drop items.

““Next is~ That way~”“

After picking up all the drop items and advancing for a little, Allen and Elena pointed to the right on a crossroads.

““Onii~chan, here~”“

“N? Oh, there’s a hidden room”

After walking for a while uneventfully, Allen and Elena pointed at a wall. It appears they found a hidden room.

However, when I tried touching the wall to access the room, that wall didn’t move. Until now, the wall would open with a slide when pushed.

“It won’t open, huh...”

““Huh~?”“

I touched the wall all over, but it was simply a wall in the end.

“N~? But it seems that there certainly is a hidden room...”

Somehow, I think that there’s a hidden room without a doubt.

Is the entrance to the room on the passage on the other side? No, we wouldn’t notice

the room's existence if that were true.

“...Break in?”

It looks like a normal stone wall, so it should break if hit with one or two magic attacks, right?

The dungeon won't collapse if one of the walls break. Rather, because it's a mysterious existence, I think the wall would restore after a while.

“Allen, Elena~ Step back a little”

““Un!””

Because Allen and Elena stood back, I threw magic at the wall.

“ 《Air Shot》 ”

The wall the air bullet crashed into—*garagara*, collapsed. The wall was unexpectedly fragile.

There was a room behind the wall as we thought with a treasure chest inside.

““Treasure~! Can we open~?””

“Go ahead~”

Allen and Elena rush to towards the treasure chest after entering the hidden room and fumble around the chest.

I let the two open it since there were no traps. Inside the chest, there was a single medicine bottle. When I used 【Appraisal】 on it, I understood that it's a lower-grade healing potion. As I have recovery magic, it's one of the medicines which I don't need.

““Medicine~?””

“That's right. It's a medicine that heals injuries”

““Hmm, amazing~?””

Allen and Elena looked at me with eyes full of some kind of expectations.

“It’s one of the medicines I don’t have yet. Thank you, Allen, Elena~”

““Ehehe~””

When I said such while patting their heads, the two bashfully smiled.

Kuku. Looks like I was right. The eyes of the two were saying “praise me, praise me” as I thought~

“Then, shall we go?”

““Un!””

When we leave the hidden room and advance forward——

““There~””

“Oh, as expected! Then, shall we go down?”

““Un!””

We found a staircase leading down without taking much time.



“Huh?”

When we descended to the fourteenth floor, an unpleasant cold suddenly assaulted my skin.

A dreadful atmosphere floats around.

Unlike me who’s wearing a jacket, Allen and Elena who are wearing short-sleeved clothes must be cold.

“Allen, Elena. You must be cold, right? Let’s wear jackets”

““Is fine~?””

Allen and Elena said while tilting their heads in puzzlement.

“Un, let’s put them on”

I immediately took out the kemonomimi-hooded capes I got in Shirin and let the two wear them.

I thought these capes would not work until it cools down, but their turn came unexpectedly early.

“Is it not difficult to move in?”

““Is fine~””

Ah, un. This time’s “is fine” is a proper “is fine.”

Allen and Elena’s range of [Fine] is staggeringly wide. I think that this time it wasn’t “It’s not cold” but close to “Can endure” instead.

There are also times when it’s easy to understand, but there are also times when I don’t notice, so I have to carefully watch the two’s expressions, so I don’t overlook anything~

When we begin the capture of the fifteenth floor——

“Shaaaa—”

A Sea Snake appeared.

“Allen, Elena. Sea Snakes have venom, so you must not approach them, okay?”

““Ye~s””

Sea Snake is a snake of about 30cm in length with a considerably high fatality rate as it possesses a strong neurotoxin.

That very thing is smoothly swimming towards us.

““《Water Needle~》——… Uniyu~”“

Allen and Elena immediately switched to magic when I told them about the venom, but it appears that the smoothly swimming Sea Snake is difficult to hit with a 《Water Needle》 .

They are a bit daunted since the magic didn't hit.

“It's fine, properly watch its movements. You will hit it next time”

“Un. —— 《Water Needle~》 ”

“Shaaaa—”

The magic hit this time and the Sea Snake was defeated.

““Yay~”“

“Well done~”

““Ehehe~”“

Getting the point, they would immediately defeat the Sea Snakes we encountered after that, and so we advanced while obtaining large quantities of drop items such as Sea Snake's skin, fangs, and neurotoxin.

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After resting between the sixteenth and seventeenth floor, we are currently advancing through the seventeenth floor.

“Guaaaa—!!”

I can see a bear with a deep blue colored fur—Water Bear running towards us while splashing water in the distance.

Is it among the largest variety of monsters we have seen in this dungeon until now? The moment the Water Bear appeared, Allen and Elena began running towards it.

“Guaaa!”

The Water Bear who noticed the two rushing towards it fired several 《Water Ball》 while running.

“ 《Water Ball》 ”

Supporting the children from behind, I countered each an every 《Water Ball》 .

As if understanding it, Allen and Elena closed the distance between the Water Bear in one go.

““Yaa!”“

“Guaaaaa—!”

Allen and Elena were running towards the front of the Water Bear, but they parted left and right before making a direct contact, and drove an explosive kick to its both sides.

It would be difficult to defeat Water Bear who is water and cold resistant with magic. However, that has nothing to do with Allen's and Elena's kicking. It's not magic but a blow...

““Yaa!””

“Guaaaaa—!”

The Water Bear whose movements stopped after one blow got ax-kicked this time. It's not given any time to counterattack. The Water Bear who ate the two's full power ax kicks collapsed to the ground.

““Haa~!””

“Guaaa...”

Delivering a finishing blow, Allen and Elena kicked the Water Bear's body flying. The Water Bear's movements completely stopped and it turned into a drop item.

““Defeated~””

Allen and Elena picked up the dropped pelt and brought it to me. It seems we obtained quite the large pelt.

When I received it from the two and touched it, it felt quite pleasant to the touch. This looks good for making Allen's and Elena's cold weather clothes.

“Shall we make Allen's and Elena's coat out of this?”

““Coat?””

“Right. It's clothes to wear when it's cold”

““This is~?””

When I spoke about making coats from the Water Bear's pelt, Allen and Elena asked while pulling on the hem of their capes they were currently wearing.

“Well, this will also make you a bit cold during the cold season, so let’s make something warmer”

““Got it~””

The fabric of the capes the two are wearing at the moment is thick, but I’m bit uneasy about them wearing it in midwinter. Therefore, when I explained such, the two nodded in understanding.

“Allen, like Joule!”

“Elena, like Feat!”

“Nn?”

But, what continued after that was Allen and Elena saying the names of the contracted beasts.

Joule and Feat?... In what meaning?

““This~””

I tilted my head in puzzlement without understanding what Allen and Elena meant. Then, the two put on the hoods of the capes and pulled on the kemonomimi on top. So they mean——

“Ah! You want to look like Joule and Feat!”

““Un!””

“Roger. Let’s look for a store that will make it for us then”

““Yay~””

It appears that the two are pleased by the kemonomimi hoods. If that’s the case, let’s make them eared coats just as they wish. It’s cute after all!

Wanting a bit more of the Water Bear pelt and walking around with”Will a Bear appear

soon I wonder~?”thoughts, we encountered approximately three meters large turtle—Bubble Archelon.

After half of the dungeon—from the fifteenth floor, the monsters that appear are large. The Water Bear from a little while ago was also quite big.

““What’s that~?””

“N? That is a turtle”

““Turtle~!””

“Sha———”

“Oh?”

““Uniyu?””

The Bubble Archelon noticed us and spat out soccerball-sized bubbles towards us. Our field of vision was covered with bubbles in the blink of an eye.

“Allen, Elena. You mustn’t touch that, okay?”

““Yesss””

The buoyantly floating bubbles seem just like ordinary soap bubbles, but they are not ordinary by any means.

A considerable explosion will occur the moment they are touched and broken.

Bubble Archelon is a monster that disturbs the movements of the hostile opponents and escapes in the meanwhile.

“Ah, that’s right”

I stored all of those soapy bubbles into the 《Infinite Storage》 .

Even if it looks like making contact with the bubbles while storing them in the 《Infinite Storage》 , there’s actually no contact, so it’s possible to store them without breaking them.

Un, the field of vision is restored with this! After I finished removing the bubbles, I

could see the Bubble Archleon escaping in the distance.

Its movements are so swift for a turtle monster! That didn't happen, so there's a plenty of distance to attack.

“ 《Wind Cutter》 ”

I fired a blade of wind towards the turtle who was escaping without paying any attention to us, but it seems it didn't have any effect against the turtle's hard shell.

“Sha———”

The Bubble Archelon noticed that all of the discharged bubbles disappeared, so it spat out bubbles again, but I immediately tidied up the bubbles into my 《Infinite Storage》 .

“U~n, let's see. —— 《Water Pillar》 ”

“Gyaa———”

When I spring forth a pillar of water under the turtle and onto its belly which seemed like a weak spot, the Bubble Archelon splendidly overturned.

““Yaa!”“

Allen and Elena started vigorously running towards the Bubble Archelon and drove a full power drop kick?... No, is that closer to a landing rather than a kick? Towards its defenseless belly.

“Gyasha———”

Well, whether it was a kick or a landing, its effect was excellent as the Bubble Archelon ceased to breathe and turned into drop item.

““Defeated~”“

Allen and Elena picked up the drop item and returned to me.

““Here!”“

“Thank you”

It appears there were several drop items.

This is a shell. And this is a turtle meat. Moreover, it's edible. How do you prepare turtle meat? Like a suppon¹? I can think only of a hot-pot when it comes to suppon.

“Beeear, beeear”

“Tuuurtle, tuuurtle”

After that, we encountered several Water Bears and Bubble Archelons, we defeated them in the same way each time and acquired a lot of drop items.



““This is~?”“

“This design is the same as the trap from before, isn't it? It's that one that drops rocks from above when stepped on”

““That one is~?”“

“That one is a dummy. You mustn't touch the area protruding around it, okay~”

““Yes~”“

The eighteenth floor is a floor covered in many traps with many passages.

“Oopsy!”

““A trap~?”“

“Un, this is one too. Be careful not to step on it, okay~”

““Yesss”“

Traps are loaded with magical power, so I can generally tell them apart with 【Detection】. That's why we are able to avoid them before getting caught in them.

““This too~?”“

“Un, looks like it”

Allen and Elena discover one trap after another too, but—

““Ah”“

“Eh? —— Oops!”

They occasionally carelessly step on the traps.

The moment they stepped on the trap this time, an arrow flew out of a hole in the wall. The arrow is fired in the height of an adult's head, so it's not dangerous for the two though.

Traps, unlike monsters, are inorganic things, so it might be difficult for Allen's and Elena's 【Presence Detection】 skill to detect them. Well, even if the skill doesn't react, they are able to notice most of the traps with pure intuition.

““Stepped on it~ Ehehe~”“

Trying to gloss over it by laughing is adorable, so I will forgive them!

Too easy? It's not like I got hurt or anything so it's fine!

“Be careful you two~”

““Okay~”“

CHAPTER 80

DUNGEON OF RIPPLES • CAPTURE 7

We cautiously slipped through the trap covered the eighteenth floor and safely arrived at the nineteenth floor, but the nineteenth floor was full of traps as well.

There is no doubt that it would be a seriously tricky floor for parties with no trap avoidance personnel.

But, because it was a floor where nearly no monsters appear, I was glad that we have to be careful just about the traps, but... Allen and Elena seemed to be a bit dissatisfied.

““Yaa!””

“““Kyasha———!”””

They trampled a large group of Army Crabs,

““Haa——!””

“““Guaaaa——!”””

They kicked a group of Water Bears flying,

“““Torya——!”””

“Gisha———!”

They destroyed a shell of a Bubble Archelon.

Whether this is a recoil from not being able to fight on the nineteenth floor, the two exterminated monsters we encountered on the twentieth floor with a great vigor.

As expected, I was in a panic when they destroyed the Bubble Archelon's shell. I immediately checked whether Allen's and Elena's legs are alright, but there wasn't a problem at all.

And so, we progressed with the capture in such way and we have currently arrived in front of the twentieth floor's boss room.

““Can touch~?””

“Ah, un. Go ahead~”

““Un!””

This is the third door to the boss room we have encountered. Allen and Elena already understand the door's structure and asked whether they can touch it in order to enter inside.

When I permitted them, they touched the door at once. Then, as we thought, the door slowly automatically opened.

““Going in~!””

“Hey there, hey there, don't rush~”

The door got completely opened and I was astonished as I entered inside while holding Allen's and Elena's hands so they wouldn't rush in.

“This is something...”

““Ohh~””

I could hear the voices of astonishment from Allen and Elena as well.

I was certain that it would be an empty spacious room, but it was a waterfall lake surrounded by nature.

Moreover, there was a spring of considerable size spreading below.

—*Basha* —*n!*

At that moment, accompanied by a loud noise, a large red object lept out of the lake

and sank in the lake with a splash once again.

That was... a goldfish, wasn't it~? Is that this room's boss?

““Fish~?””

“Looks like a fish friend. I wonder if that is the master here?”

A gigantic goldfish is err... it should be called Murderfish. A dangerous-sounding name for a goldfish.

““Ah””

When the Murderfish sticks out its face out of the water, it released a jet of water while aiming at us.

“Oopsy”

““Wawa””

We evade the jet which made a hearty sound upon impact. The ground where we were standing just a second ago is gouged out.

“Uwa~...”

““Ohh~””

It was an attack of considerable power.

When I look at the lake, the Murderfish submerged again and disappeared.

“Allen, wants to do that~!”

“Elena wants to do that too~!”

It appears that Allen and Elena took a liking to the magic the Murderfish used. The eyes of the two are dazzlingly sparkling.

That kind of magic, huh... well, I think it would be good for the two to increase the variety of magic they use, why not teach them new magic?

“Let’s see... — 《Water Jet》 ”

“Shaaaa—”

I tried shooting similar magic towards the Murderfish who showed its face from the water again.

《Water Jet》 is an attack with a feeling of vigorously discharging compressed water. Not expecting my attack, the Murderfish received my attack upfront and escaped back into the water.

“You can use it with this magic?”

““Yay~!””

There was a bit of recoil when releasing the water, but it will be safe for the two to use as well.

Allen and Elena were pleased with the new magic and raised their hands into the air.

“Then, how about taking an aim and trying it?”

““Un! — 《Water Jet》 ””

Taking aim at the Murderfish when it appears, Allen and Elena shoot the 《Water Jet》 , but this time, the Murderfish spewed out water and opposed the two’s magic.

“Uh-oh”

Allen’s and Elena’s first time fired magic was being overwhelmed and the Murderfish’s jet of water was coming our way, so I took the two under my arms and jumped.

““Au~””

“Because you simply lost in power, try increasing the magical power a little bit next time”

““Un! — 《Water Jet》 ”“

Increasing the quantity of magical power, Allen and Elena released their magic towards the Murderfish once again.

The Murderfish undauntedly spewed out water.

The two’s magic collided with the Murderfish’s and scattered in the air. It seems they have offset each other.

“Doing good! Can you do it again with a little bit more magical power?”

““Can do~!”“

We would have to find a different way to fight if the Murderfish stayed under the water, but it’s far easier because the Murderfish has to stick out its face out of the water’s surface to counterattack.

In addition, its attack pattern is predictable and it’s not getting out of on the ground to attack us, so Allen and Elena were absorbed in practicing.

Well, it’s easy for us to fight the Murderfish because it won’t fight close quarters. People with poor magic firepower would probably suffer hardships.

““ 《Water Jet》 ”“

“Shaaaa—”

This time, the two overcame the Murderfish’s attack and their water jet reached the Murderfish.

The effect of water attacks against a water attributed monsters are partially reduced, but it seems it properly received damage.

“Un, that was good. Then, shall all three of us do it will all of our strength next?”

““Un!”“

“Here I go. — 《Water Jet》 ”

““《Water Jet》””

I participate this time as well and the three of us fire the magic simultaneously.

“Shaaaaa...”

The united power of us three directly hit the Murderfish, sending its large body into the air. It crashed into the cliff where the waterfall was flowing, it then bounced off of it and sunk into the lake with a flashy splash.

After a short while, the sunk Murderfish floated up and changed into drop items.

The dropped items were reddish things and a relatively large water magic stone. This seems to be the Murderfish’s fin. Also, the Murderfish’s scales and meat.

I collected everything just in case, but... goldfish meat, huh... this would require courage to eat... I will definitely hoard it in the 《Infinite Storage》.

While thinking about how to deal with the Murderfish meat, I saw something shiny behind the waterfall.

Looking around the room and not finding the door, it appears that the entrance to the next floor is behind the waterfall. Well, a cave behind the waterfalls is the staple.

““Shiny~””

“Yeah. It appears the exit is behind the waterfall”

Passing under the waterfall, there really was a cave as I thought. And the transfer device was there as well.

I don’t touch the transfer device this time as I don’t intend to go to the lower floors, but we will take a break in this place.

“Allen, Elena~ Let’s have a meal. What would you like?”

““Ntone~ fish~””

“Fish, is it? Will you guys help me prepare it?”

““Will do~!”“

They have requested fish for the meal, but as I have no spirit to cook the goldfish meat, I made a meal out of a normal fish I bought at the market.

CHAPTER 81

DUNGEON OF RIPPLES • CAPTURE 8

“Good morning”

““Morning~””

“Now then, what would you like for breakfast?”

““Furech Toast~””

“Allen and Elena love the French toast, don’t you~”

““Un! It’s de—lish~””

We who have rested at the twentieth floor’s transfer device had a breakfast, made preparations and descended on the twenty-first floor.

The water depth on the twenty-first floor increased more than before. The water reaches up to my knees.

Since that’s the case, it reaches up to Allen’s and Elena’s waists and advancing like this would be impossible.

[Kyan]

Therefore, I summoned Joule.

As he would get wet if I called him normally, I summoned him in a small form so I could hold him, gave him the Mermaid bracelet we found in the treasure chest on the tenth floor¹ and made him transform into his large form.

Because the mermaid bracelet has automatic size adjustment effect, there weren’t any problems even after Joule transformed.

《Allen, Elena, come up~》

““Joule””

Thus, I had Allen and Elena ride on Joule who became big.

Rather, Joule who became able to use telepathy called the two himself. Allen and Elena playfully clung onto Joule's back.

I'm sorry to the other contracted beasts, but I'm summoning only Joule this time.

I have only one spare mermaid bracelet in the first place, so I can't call them.

Well, Bolt who is a bird wouldn't be able to exhibit his full power in this restricted space of dungeon and using lightning in the place full of water would be dangerous. As for Vector, I haven't confirmed the power of his fire magic yet on top of not knowing what he would do, so I judged summoning him as dangerous.

I thought there was no problem in summoning Feat at first as well, but it isn't certain whether one would still get wet from moving around even while having the 【Flight】 skill. It would be a bit strange if just Feat was soaked wet...

As I thought, I would like more mermaid bracelets. I wonder if Miko Himesama would lend me some mermaid bracelets if I put up a request with her? They don't appear on the markets on the surface that much, but mermaids can apparently easily make them...

Let's ask when we go there to play next time.

"Alright! Then, shall we go?"

""Un!""

《Let's go, let's go!》

When I advance on the twenty-first floor accompanied by Joule with Allen and Elena on his back, a smallish dark crocodilian—a Black Alligator has appeared. It's entirely pitch black, so it doesn't stand out too much, but a dark jewel is embedded on its forehead.

Also, although I said small, it's only slightly smaller than me, so it has quite the size. Because there are crocodilians the size of being able to swallow people, I said smallish in comparison to them.

《A prey has appeared~!》

When Joule who discovered the Black Alligator shouted such, he began running still with Allen and Elena on his back.

《There~!》

“Gyaah———!”

Joule approached the Black Alligator and jumped up, squashing it and sinking it under water.

““Hiya~”“

Allen and Elena who were on Joule’s back while he sprinted and jumped up raised their voices cheerfully.

It appears they are having fun.

《Oniichan, I defeated it~》

“Thanks, Joule. Good work”

Joule brought the dropped items of alligator meat and skin to me.

Alligator meat, huh... it seems it can be normally eaten.

Alligator skin is an attractive material for a wallet, but wallets are not used on Aetheredia that much, so there’s no meaning in making them.

Because there is no paper money and only coins, a drawstring handbags-like pouches are the most popular. The Adventurer’s Guild’s rewards are handed over in pouches as the amounts are large.

《Oniichan, Oniichan! I want to eat this meat~!》

“N? Ah, this meat? Because Joule has defeated it, of course, you can eat it”

《I didn’t mean it like that~》

Huh? Didn’t he say that he wants to eat the Black Alligator meat which just dropped?

《I’m talking about Oniichan’s dish~ Next time you cook, I would like to eat a dish

made from that meat~》

“Allen too~”

“Elena as well~”

I thought Joule wants to eat raw meat once in a while because he's a carnivorous animal, but it appears he wanted to make a request for a meal. Allen and Elena took the opportunity to raise their hands and appeal as well.

“Ah, you meant it like that. Let's see, I want to do something simple for the lunch, do you mind having it for the dinner? Allen and Elena too, are you fine with that?”

《Alright~ I'm looking forward to it~♪》

““Un!””

That being the case, alligator meat was decided for the dinner.

Rather, I have so easily agreed, but how do you prepare alligator meat? Was alligator meat a meat with a plain taste? I feel like I've heard that in the Amazon special edition program...

Alright, let's cook it thinking that it's chicken meat!

《Then, since that's decided, we have to get more meat! Allen, Elena, let's keep going~!》

““Meat~!””

It seems that the hunting soul has been ignited within the children for some reason. The block of meat we have obtained just now is enough for today's dinner though~

“...Ooy. Capturing the dungeon is our main objective, so be moderate with the hunting, okay~”

《Yes~》

““Yesss””

《Sniif, sniff. That way? Allen, Elena, let's go~》

““Ohh~!”“

“ ..”

I have cautioned them just in case, but they are completely focused on finding prey.

I feel like they will be able to obtain a tremendous amount of alligator meat with Joule’s sense of smell and Allen’s and Elena’s presence detection... I walked behind the two children and one animal while worrying about the amount of meat they will obtain.

““There~”“

Allen and Elena immediately discovered the prey.

《Really. It’s red, but it has the same shape so it should be fine. Allen, Elena, let’s go~》

““Un!”“

It’s different in color from the Black Alligator, a red crocodilian——Red Alligator.

““ 《Water Ball》 ”“

《 《Water Ball》 》

The next moment, Allen, Elena, and Joule fired magic simultaneously.

It appears that Joule’s signal wasn’t to break into a run, but a signal to fire magic. They haven’t made any preparations before though~ They are perfectly in sync.

“Gyaah———!”

The Red Alligator fell prey to the magic and ceased to breathe.

Even though this is the second half of an intermediate level dungeon, the children defeat the monsters they encounter too quickly.

《It isn't meat~》

““Muu~””

This time's drops seem to be a red skin and fangs. Allen, Elena, and Joule were disheartened because there was no meat.

《It can't be helped~ Umm, next is... 》

““Joule, that way~””

《Got it~》

But, they have begun looking for the next prey immediately.

[Nnaa~?]

I became slightly lonely from watching the two children and animal getting along, so I decided to summon Feat. Of course, in the small form.

“I can't let you fight because you would get wet, but will you accompany me, Feat?”

[Nnaa!]

Patting Feat who snuggled up to me, I chase after Allen, Elena, and Joule who went ahead.

““There~””

《There it is! Allen, Elena, hang on tightly》

““Un””

《Then, here I go~》

Joule instructed Allen and Elena to hold on him properly and began to run.

《There~!》

“Gyaah——!”

Then, he trampled the Black Alligator while vigorously running.

Looking at it like that, Joule’s and the children’s way of fighting is very similar, isn’t it?

《Yay~ We got the meat~》

““Onii~chan, sparkly~””

“N? Ah, it is”

The dropped item seems to be a thumbnail-sized Black Onyx. That’s the thing on the Black Alligator’s forehead.

I think it’s a rare drop item with a considerably low rate of obtaining, but... well, it’s Allen and Elena. It wouldn’t be strange for them to get their hands on rare drop items.

《Alright! Let’s keep going~》

““Ohh——””

Because the hunt kept going on, we were hunting all day long in the end.

In addition to the black and red alligator monsters, there were also blue and brown ones, we obtained a large amount of skin and fangs of each color. We also got a considerable amount of jewels. I wonder where the low drop rate went.

Of course, we have obtained large quantities of meat, but even though their colors were different, the meat itself is the same. It seems there’s no need to eat and compare.

“Look, it’s done~”

““Yay~””

《Looks delicious~》

[Nnaa~]

We found a place with no water and I made an alligator meat dish as promised. I made

sukiyaki stock² and tried making it on the sukiyaki ³ style.

““Delish~””

《Delicious~》

《Nnaa~》

It was well-received.

...It's unexpected without a stench and very easy to eat~ It looks that I will be able to use it in various dishes.

Footnotes

1. Mermaid bracelet obtained in Chapter 48
2. Stock mixed with soy sauce, mirin, and sugar
3. Thin slices of beef, cooked with various vegetables

CHAPTER 82

DUNGEON OF RIPPLES • CAPTURE 9

Because the alligator meat from yesterday was far easier to eat and more delicious than I thought, both I and the children liked it, so they decided to get even more alligator meat today.

I stopped them in panic. We already have plenty of alligator meat, I somehow persuaded them.

That being the case, we have promptly descended the staircase we have found today and started the capture of the twenty-second floor.

《Let's get in high spirits and go~!》

““Ohh~””

[Nnaa~]

Because the twenty-second floor's passage also had a knee-height water level, I put Allen and Elena on Joule, held the small Feat in my hands and we departed.

《Ah, alligator discovered~!》

““Yay~ Joule, do your best~””

《Here I go~!》

Just as we set out, a White Alligator has appeared and Joule who discovered it vigorously broke into a run.

《Tooh~!》

“Gyaah―――!”

Joule easily trampled the White Alligator.

《Meat get~》

““Get~””

The dropped items are alligator meat and... this is a topaz!

A rare drop jewel right from the start... seriously, where did the low drop chance go to? Aren't they dropping too much?

《Ah, another one discovered~!》

““Meat~””

Allen and Elena love sparkly things, but they were happier about the meat this time. Do they like the alligator meat that much?

“Next, Allen!”

“Elena too~”

《Sure~ Can you go from here? Shall I approach a little bit more?》

““Is fine~ —— 《Water Jet》 ””

《Yay~ It's meat again~》

““Yay~””

Before I come to myself, the children defeated an alligator and obtained meat again.

The meat won't rot because it's stored in the 《Infinite Storage》, but we got enough meat to eat it regularly for a few years. But, while that may be true, the children would get angry at me if I sold it, right? No, they won't get angry... I feel like they would be sulking.

I would be troubled if they sulked, so as I thought, I can't sell the alligator meat~

Ah, I could gift it to Cedric-san and others! The children wouldn't tell me not to then.

But, I should confirm with them first.

“Oy~ Even if you get so much alligator meat, I won't be able to use it all~ What do you say about gifting Cedric-san and others some?”

““Un, gift~”“

《Okay~》

[Naa~]

I heard the words of approval from everyone. With this, the stock of the alligator meat will decrease.

Then, while thinking such——

《Then, we have to defeat more alligators!》

““Ohh~”“

“..... Excuse me?”

It appears they intend to get even more alligator meat.

No, wait a moment! Even though we already have plenty of alligator meat, why are you set on obtaining even more!?

““That way~”“

《Alright, here I go~》

Without being able to stop them, Allen, Elena, and Joule ran off to get more alligator meat.

Huh... I feel like it would be useless even if I stopped them? Ah~...

[Naa~]

While dejected over the different plan, Feat snuggled up to close in order to comfort me.

While being healed, I hastily followed after the children.

After that, we were alligator hunting all day long. Though I wanted to stop them... I couldn't.

Understandably, we obtained a massive quantity of alligator meat. Alligator meat of such quantity... seriously, what to do...



The next day after the second consecutive day of alligator hunting, we stepped on the twenty-third floor.

There, the knee-deep water level returned to the ankle depth.

It's not necessary to let Allen and Elena ride Joule, but they said that they want Joule and Feat to go with us, so I decided to take them along.

Ah, Feat is being carried by me as usual though.

The journey was smooth and we favorably progressed. The reason being the children instantly killing all the monsters that appeared. My turn has quite not come yet, but I'm enduring, the children are enjoying themselves and I can't barge in uninvited, after all~

While thinking such, we have discovered a treasure chest hidden along the path.

We haven't found one that wasn't in a hidden room, but it was magnificently placed in the middle of the path.

""Treasure~ ... huuh~?""

Allen and Elena rushed up to the treasure chest, but they stopped in the middle for some reason.

"What's wrong?"

《What, what?》

[Nnaa?]

""Somewhat weird~?""

"N?"

Allen and Elena pointed at the treasure chest and proclaimed it weird.

I immediately used 【Appraisal】 on the treasure chest. Doing that, I found that it's a

mimic—a monster that camouflaged itself as a treasure chest.

“That is a mimic. A monster”

““Mimic~?””

《A fake~?》

[Nnaa~?]

Even though it looks like a treasure chest until the moment you open it, the two noticed it well. As expected of them.

“Right. It’s a fake treasure chest. It pretends to be a treasure chest and assaults those who approach it”

[Naa~]

“N? Ah, Feat wants to defeat it? It would work with magic. Sure, go ahead Feat”

[Nnaa!]

When I give permission to Feat who wanted to defeat it, Feat immediately fired 《Wind Cutter》 and attacked the mimic. Then, with a bang, a white smoke escaped from the mimic and the pattern on the treasure chest changed.

It appears that this is a genuine treasure chest.

“Allen, Elena, want to open it?”

““Un, will open~””

Since it seemed that there are no more gimmicks, the two opened the chest and when I looked inside, there was a Transfer Magic Tool (simple) inside.

““What is it~?””

“A transfer magic tool”

Speaking simply, it’s that. That thing which the guild uses to send letters.

It's a convenient thing, but it's useless without the recognition code of the recipient. However, should I sell it or hold onto it? It might eventually become needed. Besides, if I got another magic tool of the same kind, I would be able to exchange with whomever I liked.

““Transfer~?”“

“Right. Remember how we instantly moved from the hall to the tenth floor?”

““Un!”“

“This can do the same thing. This fellow can only send letters or small things to a person with the same thing though”

““《Ohh~》”“

[Nnaa~]

The children raised their voices of admiration.

Do Allen and Elena properly understand? But, I feel like Joule and Feat didn't understand at all, but somehow raised their voices in consent. Well, Joule and Feat are monsters, so it might be possible that transfer equipment wasn't necessary for their daily lives until now.

“Alright. Then, shall we keep going?”

““Un! That way~”“

With Allen and Elena pointing out the direction, we soon discovered the staircase to the twenty-fourth floor.

We continued the capture and were able to find the staircase leading to the twenty-fifth floor.

That was all for the day. I decided to rest before descending.

By the way, alligator meat was used for today's dinner. We ate it deep-fried with soy sauce. Un, it was immensely delicious.

CHAPTER 83

DUNGEON OF RIPPLES • CAPTURE 10

“Fa...”

《Oniichan, morning~》

““Ah””

“Gufu!”

Waking up from a short sleep, I heard Joule’s, Allen’s, and Elena’s voices. And then at the same time, a terrible impact on my belly... I’m choking.

“...Joule”

Joule who turned into the small form was on my belly. The impact from a little while ago appears to be from Joule jumping on me.

I would catch him in my hands as usual, but I caught him with the pit of my stomach instead because I was just getting up.

This impact with no aggressiveness with a small form... I see, it’s only given that the big Joule trampled the alligators to death~

《Au~... I’m sorry》

Joule who noticed my fainting in agony after his jumping impact was visibly feeling down. His tail would usually flap all over the place, but it’s now hanging in despondent.

“No, yeah, I’m fine. Good morning, Joule. Well, I won’t tell you to stop jumping onto me, but please, I request you to do the landing carefully next time”

《Got it~》

When I pat Joule who was feeling despondent while rising up, I caution Joule to pay

attention to the landing next time. I understand he didn't have any ill intentions, but I would like to avoid that impact every time.

“Allen and Elena too, good morning”

““Morning~”“

[Naa~]

“Good morning to you as well, Feat”

I finish greeting the other children and start preparing breakfast after putting in order my clothes.

“Now then, what shall we eat today~”

““Onigiri~”“

“N? You want to eat onigiri?”

““Un!”“

《Me too~》

[Naa~]

While thinking what freshly cooked dish to make, Allen and Elena made a request. It appears they want onigiri this morning. Joule and Feat are apparently okay with that as well.

“What would you like for the filling?”

““Ntone~ fish~”“

Speaking of onigiri with fish filling that I made, it was salmon and tuna mayo. In addition, a miso soup with plenty of vegetables and tamagoyaki to go with that.

““It's delish~”“

《... Yum yum》

[Nnaa~]

We start capturing after eating the meal. Today is the twenty-fifth floor.

“““““Kisha———”“““““

Just as we descended on the twenty-fifth floor, Army Crabs appeared. In a large quantity at that.

““Muu~”“

《Those are hard and not so delicious~》

[Naa~]

Because it was monsters not suitable for ingredients, the children were disappointed.

...Rather, Joule. You have eaten them before? Moreover, raw?

Huh... Feat is nodding in agreement?

《Do you think Oniichan could make a tasty meal out of it?》

[Naa~]

““Ohh~?”“

Everyone looks at me with expectations.

Cooking with Armi Crabs? Erm... there are not many edible parts, but it's not impossible. But... they are not meant for eating...

“...If it's dashi... I could do it?”

They are materials used for making armor, but a crab is a crab?

““ 《Dashi~?》 ”“

“It's for a soup”

《Yay~ I want to drink a soup~ Then, I will do my best and defeat them, okay~》

“Allen too~”

“Elena too~”

It appears that it has been decided that I will make a soup from the Army Crabs.

Allen, Elena, and Joule vigorously ran towards the Army Crabs.

Well, they have run off with such vigor to defeat the Army Crabs and they will surely obtain many materials, so there shouldn't be a problem in trying to make dashi.

[Naa~]

“N?”

[Nnaannaa~]

“Ah, Feat wants to participate as well?”

[Naa~]

Feat who was in my hands wanted to participate as well, so when I released Feat from my hands, Feat started firing magic at the Army Crabs mid-air.

Because there are many Army Crabs, I should participate in attacking too. I would like to earn some experience even if little.

“ 《Water Needle》 ”

““Yaa~”“

《Eiya~》

[Nnaa!]

With all of us moving, the large crowd of Army Crabs got exterminated in a blink of an eye.

““Finished~”“

A large quantity of drop items are scattered all over the place.

We have obtained many shells, legs, claws, and magic stones, but the children were most delighted about the Army Crab eggs they saw for the first time. There was also nori for some reason...

Is that “it”? Was it stuck to the crab’s shell or something? I wonder if the dungeon is pushing me to make the soup...

《Oniichan, can you make the soup with this? There’s still lots~?》

“No, no, this is plenty. However, I will make it tonight”

《Un! Yay~ I’m looking forward to it~》

““Looking forward to it~”“

[Naa~]

If I say something wrong, it would turn into the alligator hunting, so I have to be careful about my words.

“There, there, let’s get going~”

““ 《Yay~》 ”“

[Naa~]

I would like to capture at least the twenty-sixth floor today after all. Let’s crisply progress! —Is what I thought, but... it didn’t go according to my plan.

““Many~”“

《Really~ So many~》

[Naa~]

A large crowd of Army Crabs appeared again.

“...Let’s quickly defeat them~”

““ 《Yay~》 ”“

[Naa~]

After I said such, the children really defeated the Army Crabs quickly.
Thus, we obtained many Army Crab drop items again.

《I'm looking forward the dinner, right~》

““Right~””

[Naa~]

Un, soup making... I will do my best...

After that, we smoothly advanced through the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh floors.
And when we secured a place to rest, I started making the children's long-awaited Army Crab soup.

I smashed the hard shell so it would fit into the pot and I started extracting the essence accompanied by gentle clicking.

I threw the Army Crab eggs and nori into the strained soup. The eggs were thumbnail-sized with gelatine-like quality, so I was worried whether it would melt while cooked, but there wasn't a problem as it floated in the soup. Lastly, I salted it and tried the taste!

Un, it tastes unexpectedly good. Besides, these Army Crab eggs! Their popping texture matches the soup well!

“Allen too~”

“Elena too~”

《Not fair~ Me too~》

[Nnaa~]

I was checking the taste of the soup, but the children found fault with it and quickly rushed towards me.

Since it couldn't be helped, I retrieved a few pre-made dishes from the 《Infinite Storage》 and we had the dinner just like that.

CHAPTER 84

DUNGEON OF RIPPLES • CAPTURE 11

Today, we are capturing the twenty-eighth floor. Including this, there are three more floors in the Dungeon of Ripples.

I see the end~ I came all the way here without any troubles thanks to Allen and Elena. Well~ I hardly did anything until now~... Just cooking? As their guardian, I wonder if it's all right...

Allen and Elena are having fun, but should I ask them to let me do the fighting...? I'm troubled, but...

““Ah, a bear~””

Allen and Elena who discovered a Water Bear broke into a run.

““Yaa!””

“Guaaah...”

And they insta-killed it.

““Onii~chan, look, look~””

The two put on the pelt which dropped and cheerfully returned to my side.

Ah... yeah, asking them to leave it to me would be impossible. I can't snatch the two's amusement~

“That's a large pelt, isn't it~”

““Un! Like Joule and Feat~ Is enough~?””

“N?... Yeah, it's enough~ I did not forget, so let's have it made properly, okay?”

““Un!””

It's the Joule and Feat heavy winter clothing imitation they wanted to make.

We were talking just about coats at that time, but looking at the amount of pelts we have gathered, we have more than enough to make a whole body animal costume~
Rather, wouldn't that be better?

《Whatwhat~?》

[Naa~?]

““Same~””

《N?》

[Nnaa?]

Joule and Feat whose names came out showed interest in the topic, but the two animals tilted their heads at Allen's and Elena's words.

Well, they wouldn't understand just from being told “same” right~

“Ah, the plan is to make Allen's and Elena's coats from the Water Bear pelt in Joule's and Feat's style”

《Me!? Really!?》

[Nnaa!?]

When I convey to Joule and Feat so they would understand, the two animals showed a surprise and then their bodies expressed happiness.

《Eh, that bear just now? Just the pelt? Shouldn't we get more of that then? Alright, let's look for bears~》

[Naa~]

““Ohh~””

“No, wait a moment! We have enough pelts already!”

Thus, Joule and Feat ran off to search for Water Bears in high tension. Together with

Allen and Elena... I chased after the children and stopped them.

《Ehh~? I mean, we will be matching~》

[Naa~]

“No, we have it, okay! We have plenty of pelts, so we will be fine even if you don’t look for it”

《Muu~》

[Naa~]

After somehow managing to stop the bear hunting which just barely started, Allen and Elena found a hidden room in the passage after resuming the capture.

““Here~”“

“N? Oh, it certainly looks hidden room-ish”

《Yay~ I wonder if there’s a treasure~》

[Naa~]

It wasn’t a trapdoor room like the before, but the destroy the wall hidden room. Therefore, when we enter after destroying the wall, there was a spacious room with a stone altar with an artificial fountain with light brown liquid in the center.

It’s unlike any hidden room we have found before.

“This is the smell of alcohol?”

When I approached the fountain, the smell of alcohol gradually became stronger.

I’m fine, but I would be troubled if it had a bad influence on Allen and Elena, so I isolated the scent of surroundings with the wind.

And when I used **【Appraisal】** on the fountain, the result was [Brandy Fountain].

It appears that the light brown liquid is alcohol, a brandy at that.

Of course, there’s no harm on the body—no, it’s an alcohol, so drinking way too much would harm the body... in this case, the harm is in the toxic meaning.

But, it seems there are no problems in drinking it, so I gave it a try.

“Ah, it’s good”

When I scoop it in my hands and try, it tasted nostalgic.

“Un, it’s a brandy without a doubt. It’s normally delicious”

I drank alcohol if invited by a friend. It was only to such degree, so I’m not that knowledgeable about alcohol, but I’m thinking whether this brandy doesn’t have a considerably good taste.

Speaking of popular alcohol circulating around Aetherdia, it would be an ale. And then, wine and apple cider-like alcohol made from fruit.

I might find it if I looked for it, but I haven’t seen any brandy so far even though I saw products made from the same grapes. I found balsamic vinegar and apple cider-like vinegar though~

As for the alcohol made of grains with the exception of ale—I haven’t seen any whiskey, gin, or vodka.

The white wheat which is used as feed for the livestock—I thought that finding a rice wine would be hopeless, but I might be able to find it somewhere in a dungeon.

Finding a brandy here is a good fortune. Of course, I should draw some of it, right?

...If I’m not mistaken, I should have an empty water cask.

There are cases like this, so it’s necessary to purchase more empty casks or bottles.

““Is delish~?””

“It is. But, this is a beverage for adults, so Allen and Elena mustn’t drink it, okay?”

““... Yess””

Allen and Elena seemed interested, but this is an alcohol. I can’t Allen and Elena drink this.

““Uniyu~””

[Au~n]

[Nnya!~]

“...N?”

While I was taking out the empty cask from the 《Infinite Storage》, I suddenly heard Allen, Elena, and Joule let out weird voices.

““... Not delish”“

《This is not good~》

“Hey! Ehh!? Did you perhaps drink it? Ahh, seriously~~~ Here, a fruit water, drink it”

It appears that the children drank the fountain liquid as soon as I took my eyes off of them.

Feat didn't seem to drink it and was quite shocked when the two and one animal drank.

I retrieved the children's favorite fruit water from the 《Infinite Storage》 in panic and let them and Joule drink.

““Uniyu~”“

“Are you feeling sick?”

““... Not sick~”“

《Ugh~~~》

Even though they drank it, it should be only a small amount, so I think there won't be any problems.

That reminds me, Allen and Elena have Abnormal Status Resistance, don't they? With that, would it be difficult for them to suffer from a hangover? Well, at the moment, rather than that—

“You guys! I told you not to drink it, didn't I?”

I have to properly scold Allen, Elena, and Joule!

““I’m sorry~”“

《I’m sorry》

The two and one animal apologized dejectedly.

“I told you not to drink it for a reason. It wasn’t good, was it?”

““Not good”“

《I don’t like it~》

“Right? Besides, that is something children shouldn’t drink. Will you promise me not to taste anything that I say you shouldn’t eat or drink from now on?”

““ 《I promise~》 ”“

Because I don’t have to worry about them drinking it anymore, I decided to draw the brandy without a reserve. Ah, before that—

“Feat, come here. Feat gets a reward because you’ve kept the promise”

《Yay~》

“N?”

At that time, I heard a girlish voice, different from Elena’s.

“Huh? Was that perhaps you, Feat?”

《That’s right, Niisama. You see, I’ve learned 【Telepathy】 ~》

“Ohh!”

It appears that Feat learned the 【Telepathy】 .

Similarly to Joule, Feat’s voice is still childish and adorable.

““Feat!”“

《That’s right~ Allen-chan and Elena-chan, let’s keep being good friends from now on too, okay?》

““Un!”“

《Niisama too, please take care of me》

“Yeah. Feat, let’s get along”

I was interrupted by the surprise of Feat’s 【Telepathy】 , but I have to reward her before I forget.

“Then, Feat. Are you fine with Cream bread for your reward?”

《Un. I love Cream bread~》

““ 《Au~》 ”“

When I rewarded Feat with a Cream bread, Allen, Elena, and Joule looked at me with staggeringly sad eyes.

...I’m not trying to bully them, but I have to endure~

《Niisama~ I want to eat with everyone》

Feat said so.

Well, being looked at with such eyes, Feat would have a difficult time eating alone, and above all, I can’t withstand those eyes~

“It can’t be helped. You will have to properly protect the promise next time, okay?”

““ 《Un》 ”“

While the children were eating the Cream bread, I drew plenty of the brandy.

CHAPTER 85

DUNGEON OF RIPPLES • BOSS

“Alright, this floor is the last one~”

““Last one~””

《Where is the boss I wonder~》

《Maybe that way~?》

We easily finished capturing the twenty-ninth floor and finally stormed into the last floor of the dungeon, the thirtieth floor.

““ 《《There it is~》》 ””

And before long, we found the door of the boss room.

Promptly touching the door of the room and entering, what we came into was a coast-like place.

““Sea~?””

“Looks like it~”

A place with seawater that reached my knees. Because I see foreshore on my left, the right is most likely an open sea.

While observing the surroundings, a light fired from the open sea. That is the sign of the boss appearing.

“Shall we have Allen and Elena get on Joule? Joule, take care of them please”

““Yes~””

《Un, come up~》

《Niisama~ Do I fly by myself~?》

“That would be for the best. But, Feat is the only one without the mermaid bracelet, so be careful of the water, okay?”

《Un》

While organizing the battle preparations, the light gradually settled down.

When the light completely settled, a huge squid of several meters in size appeared. On the contrary of my Kraken expectations, it was a monster called Little Kraken.

Yeah, it’s not little at all, isn’t it!? Ah, but normal Kraken would be several times the size, so little is not wrong?

“Kii———!!”

“ 《Wind Cutter》 ”

When I immediately fired 《Wind Cutter》 towards the Little Kraken, its leg got cut off.

“Ehh!?”

““Ohh~”“

《They regrew~》

《Wow~》

However, the Little Kraken’s leg regrew in a blink of an eye. The leg which was cut off is still floating on the water surface though...

“Next, Allen~! —— 《Water Jet》 ”

Allen’s magic hit the Little Kraken and plucked off one of its legs. But, the Little Kraken’s leg immediately grew back.

“Next, Elena! —— 《Water Jet》 ”

Same thing happened to Elena who followed up after Allen.

《Woah. They are regrowing one after another, aren't they~》

《Un, it's endless》

Joule and Feat looked at the Little Kraken in amazement.

《Niisama, wouldn't it be better for us to attack all at once and finish it in one go?》

《An all-out attack? Ohh, that seems fun. Oniichan, I approve!》

“Indeed, I don't know to what degree it can regenerate itself, so bringing it down in one go sounds good... then, let's prepare”

““ 《《Okay~》 》 ”“

The Little Kraken's regeneration ability is troublesome, so I decided for Feat's proposal which was to bring it down with a simultaneous all-out attack.

“Let's go — One, two, go. 《Wind Cutter》 ”

““ 《Water Jet》 ”“

《 《Water Jet》 》

《 《Wind Cutter》 》

—Doka —n!

Everyone's magic hit the Little Kraken and an outrageously loud noise resounded.

A massive amount of seawater flew into the air, a torrential rain obstructed the vision at the place where the Little Kraken was. Like this, I'm unable to confirm the Little Kraken's status.

When the seawater rain subsided, what I saw was a worn-out state of the Little Kraken. The Little Kraken sunk into the sea just like that.

““ 《Defeated~》 ”“

《That was too quick》

After a short while, drop items drifted towards us.

A blue magic stone, Little Kraken's meat, and squid ink. Strangely, the three separated legs of the Little Kraken floated to us without disappearing as well. Moreover, they are bigger than me.

【Little Kraken's Leg】
Squid tentacle. Edible.
Moderately elastic with a chewy texture.

...It seems to be edible.

It's not larger just by a little bit, but does it have the characteristic food texture of tentacles?

Rather, I'm curious about the tentacles too, but now's the status time! I have not confirmed my status since meeting with Kaiser after all. I feel a bit worried~ Mainly about the level difference between me and the children...

【Name】 Takumi Kayano
【Race】 Human? [Wind God's retainer]
【Occupation】 Magician
【Age】 20
【Level】 29

Skills

Light Magic 71

Dark Magic 74

Wind Magic 171

Water Magic 67

Fire Magic 50

Space Magic 120

Life Magic 131

Swordsmanship 54

Dagger Technique 2
Throwing 52
Appraisal 214
Dismantling 121
Familiars 47
Taming 33
Swimming 15
Cooking 129
Sewing 23
Washing 13
Cleaning 31
Crafting 39
Gathering 69
Arithmetics 109
Reading 127
Concealment 49
Detection 55
Oracle 21
Telepathy 15
Clarity 5
Trap Dismantling 4
Abnormal Status Resistance 300
Mental Status Resistance 300
Physical Attack Resistance 300
Magic Attack Resistance 300

Titles

Transmigrated From a Different World
Blessed by the God of Creation, Marianora
Friend of Wind God Sylphreel
Savior
Conqueror of Low-Grade Dungeon
Monster Contractor
A-Rank Adventurer
Receiver of the Water Dragon King's Divine Protection
Food Evangelist
Conqueror of Intermediate-Grade Dungeon

Contracted Beasts

Fenrir (Joule)
Thunderhawk (Bolt)
Celestial Tiger (Feat)
Leviathan (Kaiser)(Temporary)
Scarlet King Leo (Vector)

Hmm... level 29, huh... it's raising favorably, but Allen's and Elena's level is... yeah, as I thought... level 30... they have overtaken me...

Un, I thought so... most of the monsters in this dungeon were defeated by Allen and Elena. It's only the natural result... haa...

My level was lower than Joule's and Feat's when we met. But, I surpassed them once. However, Joule caught up before I noticed again. Feat's level is just under me, she's level 28.

umm, next is... oh! I got new skills. 【Dagger Technique】 【Clarity】 and 【Trap Dismantling】 .

I have completely forgotten about the 【Fire Magic】 I received from the Fire God. I'm not using it at all.

Next is... wha!? Those titles—!!

【Conqueror of Intermediate-Grade Dungeon】 was expected, but~ The hell is 【Food Evangelist】 !?

Just when did I obtain such title!

...Although I say that, it's a title I vaguely understand why I obtained it. I mean, a God has been delighted about the cooking development, so getting a title wouldn't be strange, right?

While received the shocks from the status contents—creaking sounds echoed, and a door in the deepest part of the room opened.

“Onii~cha~n”

“Opened~”

“Thank you. Then, shall we go everyone?”

““ 《《Yes~》》 ””

There was a room in the deepest part that was more luxurious than the one on the twentieth and tenth floors.

““Treasure~”“

《Let's open it~》

《What's inside, I'm looking forward to it~》

Just like in the Earth Dungeon, a treasure chest appeared. It's possible that it's a reward for the first capture of an undiscovered dungeon.

“Then, I'm opening it~”

““What is it~?”“

《A sword, isn't it?》

《It's big~》

What was inside the treasure chest was a sword the size of an adult.

“...This, what to do with it?”

It's a splendid sword without a doubt. It's similar to a magic sword with fire magic sealed inside.

No matter how much effort I would put it, this doesn't look like something I could manage to handle.

《Niisama, you are not taking it?》

““It~?”“

《Yeah~ you are not taking it~?》

Feat tilted her head in wonder at me who didn't collect the sword right away. Following her, Allen and Elena made the same gesture. Moreover, even Joule reacted excessively.

“N? It’s a good sword, but it’s not usable for me~ I was just taking a look. Well, it’s a sword gained by capturing a dungeon, so I will take it regardless whether I can use it or not—eh, huh?”

Even though I already stored the sword in the 《Infinite Storage》, the treasure chest didn’t disappear.

““N?”“

《What, what~?》

《Niisama, what’s the matter~?》

“...Perhaps”

The treasure chest this time wasn’t made from wood like the ones we encountered on the way, but it was made from metal while decorated with jewels, it was a bit extravagant chest.

When I tried storing it in the 《Infinite Storage》 as a test—

“Ah~”

I was able to collect it.

Apparently, this treasure chest is also treasure-ish? I don’t know uses treasure chests could have, but I decided to take it.

“Shall we return?”

““Un!”“

“Because there might be people on the first floor, this is it for Joule and Feat”

《I see~ too bad. Oniichan, call me soon again, okay?》

《Niisama, summon me again as well, okay?》

“Of course. See you next time”

““See you~”“

Joule and Feat returned to my shadow and I took Allen and Elena to the transfer device.

Until now, we would be forcibly transferred as soon as we touched the transfer device, but it was different this time.

I felt like I had the option to choose a destination in mind—the hall on the first floor, deep inside the tenth floor, and the innermost place of the twentieth floor.

Indeed, this is the first time that the destination of the transfer isn't fixed and it's possible to choose from multiple destinations.

““Where~?”“

It seems that the choice to choose the destination conveyed to Allen and Elena as well.

“Let's see. Then, let's try going to the twentieth floor for a moment”

““Twenti~eth!”“

When we recognized the twentieth floor as the destination, a unique dizziness from the transfer assaulted me.

And the next moment, we have appeared in a different room from the room on the thirtieth floor.

I see a waterfall on the other side, so this is without the doubt the twentieth floor.

“Then, let's return this time”

““Un!”“

“Allen, Elena. The first floor is next, okay?”

““Un, first floor~!”“

Confirming that they could transfer safely, I touched the transfer device again and returned to the hall on the first floor.

There were several people in the hall and it got a little noisy after we appeared after using the transfer device, but we left behind the dungeon just like that and returned

to the town of Bailey.

CHAPTER 86

REUNION

“Yo~ Takumi!”

“Long time no see. It has been a month and a half wasn’t it, Takumi-san”

“Ehhhh-!?”

When we returned to the Risner mansion after capturing the dungeon, there were people I didn’t think I would meet.

And that was precisely the Captain of the Shirin’s Knights Order Wald-sama and Cedric-san’s little brother, the Vice-Captain Isaac.

“Were you pipsqueaks also well~”

“Allen-kun, Elena-san, hello. How have you been?”

““Well~”“

While I was feeling surprised, Wald-sama and Isaac-san spoke with Allen and Elena.

Whether it was because Allen and Elena were fairly acquaintanced with them, they answered normally.

“Nonono!! W, why are Wald-sama and Isaac-san here!?”

“That’s cruel of you, Takumi-san. This is my hometown, you know? It’s not strange to be here, right?”

“N, no... that’s true but...”

This is certainly Isaac-san’s hometown so it’s not strange for him to be here...

Do he perhaps have a vacation or something? But it would be strange for him to be with Wald-sama if that was the case.

In the first place, did Cedric-san know that the two are going to come?

“To surprise Takumi-san to this extent it was worthwhile having the horses run fast with a strict schedule, wasn’t it~”

“That is so. It’s always Takumi who is giving surprises”

“ ... ”

They have apparently come a long way from Shirin on horses all the way here, to Bailey.

That’s right, isn’t it. If that wasn’t the case, it would be strange for them to arrive at this town in a few days. I’m sure they let the horses run at a quite quick pace.

It’s just, to be that delighted from being able to surprise me, this is somehow... frustrating...

I don’t know when they returned because we were in the dungeon until just a moment ago. Even if they have just arrived and are tired, I have already lost the feelings of apprehension.

“So, why are you here?”

First of all, I asked for the reason why Wald-sama and Isaac-san are here.

“To pick you up, Takumi!”

“Haa!?”

Then, Wald-sama returned a reply I couldn’t comprehend.

To pick me up? Why?

“Wald-sama, please stop omitting the explanation”

“...Umm, Isaac-san, what’s going on? Ah! Also, I’m sorry. I’ve used Isaac-san’s first name for my own convenience”

“Ah, don’t worry about the name. Calling me Risner while staying at Risner House would be inconvenient. Rather, there’s no need for the honorifics so I wouldn’t mind if you called me just Isaac”

“Ou, I also won’t mind if you throw away the honorifics with me!”

“No... that’s a bit...”

I felt relieved that I got Isaac-san’s permission to use his first name. Even though I knew that Isaac-san wouldn’t be angry, using a noble’s name over-familiarly without permission is more or less considered as resistance. Only for Wald-sama to jump on along the way...

Cedric-san was like this too but as I thought, not using honorifics is impossible.

Also, Wald-sama is more fitting to be addressed as Wald-sama, isn’t he~

“So, what do you mean by picking me up?”

I recover and request an explanation from Isaac-san.

“On this occasion, we have been transferred to the capital duty”

“Is that so?”

Capital duty? What relation does Wald-sama’s and Isaac-san’s capital duty have with picking me up?

“Yeah, although the plan was to transfer all along, it was hastened a bit”

“...Umm?”

“I’m told there was a person who discovered a new dungeon in Bailey and His Majesty wants to meet that person. However, that person dislikes standing out you see. If His Majesty issues an edict to summon him to the castle it will gather attention whether he likes it or not, so we would like to avoid it if possible”

“...”

It’s a story about their transfer... while thinking such, the topic abruptly changed.

However, His Majesty is... the King, right? Eh? That means we were summoned by the King?

“Because of that, we were ordered to request you to come to the capital with us as

your acquaintances. Acting like guards while at it, we will move to the capital. It's basically killing two birds with one stone. Well~ I'm glad we arrived at Bailey before Takumi-san departed"

"..."

I don't already know what's what...

Erm... I have no obligation to come to the capital but this already has a feeling of being half obligation, doesn't it?

Well, I intended to visit the capital eventually, so I don't mind going. I don't mind but... I will be meeting the King, huh.

Hmm, meeting the King and confirming his character wouldn't be that bad? Somehow, I feel that way would be better for the future.

"Allen, Elena. We will have to go to a different town but... do you mind?"

"Nniyu? Together with Onii~chan~?"

"We will go together~"

"Then, Allen will go too~"

"Elena will go too~"

Both Allen and Elena consented on going to the capital.

"When are we departing?"

"Are you okay with it?"

"Yeah, I had plans to go to the capital. If you tell me "we are departing tomorrow" that would be impossible though"

"We have just arrived and we need to rest so you don't have to worry about that"

The departure appears not be fixed yet but we will be soon leaving for the capital.

"By the way, can you ride a horse, Takumi-san?"

"Ah~ ... I'm sorry, I can't"

Ah, right. Going together with Wald-sama and Isaac-san means that we can't move on Joule and others...

What to do~ I could ride on Joule or Feat without problems but as expected, I don't know how to manipulate horse with reins. Should I expose the existence of Joule and others...

Perhaps they have already heard about Joule from Cedric-san but... Cedric-san should be recognizing Joule and Feat as Fenrir and Celestial Tiger children. He most likely didn't consider moving while on their backs.

"What? Takumi, you can't ride a horse? Should I teach you then?"

While being troubled, Wald-sama made such proposal.

Ah, I see. There was also the horseback riding practice hand. It will be impossible to ride fast but I will be able to normally manage if I obtain the 【Horseback Riding】 skill. The current me might be able to do it before long.

"Wald-sama, may I ask you to instruct me on horseback riding?"

"Oh, sure. Leave it to me"

Even if I can't obtain the skill, it would be good to get some horseback riding experience.

There might be more cases where I won't be able to call Joule and others after all.

"I don't know whether I will be able to manage in time so I'm unable to decide on the means of travel at the moment but..."

"Yeah, that's fine. We have not decided on the departure yet, if there will be a need for a carriage, we can just use our family's one"

Even if I become able to ride a horse, there's still a problem of whether I will be able to ride together with Allen and Elena. As I thought, would it be impossible to ride with both?

If that were the case, should I ask Wald-sama and Isaac-san to whom they have

attached themselves to an extent?

Well, it won't be late to ask once I become able to do it. First of all, let's practice so I can ride.

CHAPTER 87

SOUVENIR

“Uncle~ I’m entering~?”

After making a determination to go to the capital and just deciding on the horseback riding practice, Theodore-kun and Latis-kun entered the room.

“Takumi-san, Allen-kun, Elena-chan, welcome back~”

“Welcome back~”

“Theodore-kun, Latis-kun, we are back”

““Are back~””

The two who entered the room saw us and rushed over.

“How was the dungeon?”

“Please let us hear about it!”

And they asked about the stories from the dungeon.

“When we have the time, okay? Rather than that, didn’t you have a business with Isaac-san?”

“That’s not it. We heard Takumi-san and the children are here so”

It appears that Theodore-kun and Latis-kun didn’t enter the room because they have business with Isaac-san, but because they were looking for us.

“Nevertheless, you understood well that we were here”

“We asked the servants to inform us immediately after Takumi-san’s return!”

Ou... these children, they are doing the same thing as Cedric-san...

Cedric-san is on a town scale while the children are on the mansion scale. There's no doubt they are the little versions of their father. As expected of parents-children connected by blood.

"Oh my, oh my, you are parent and children, aren't you? These children are doing the same thing Elder brother does, don't they?"

It seems Isaac-san knows Cedric-san's ways. He's looking at his nephews exhaustedly. But, I feel the same ideology from Isaac-san though...

"...Isaac, you do it too though"

While thinking such, Wald-sama weakly muttered to himself. As I thought, Isaac-san is doing the same.

"Theodore, Latis too, isn't it currently your study time?"

"I have just finished!"

"Me too"

I see. Because their studies finished, they came to ask about the stories from the dungeon. The two said that they love adventure stories. I don't mind talking about it, but rather than that—

"Then, we got something amusing in the dungeon, want to play with that?"

"Really!"

"Yay~"

"Somewhere more spacious would be better but..."

"Let's go to the practice field! Takumi-san, quickly, quickly!"

"Allen-kun, Elena-chan too, quickly!"

"Oh! Don't rush so much..."

Urged on by Theodore-kun and Latis-kun, we arrived at the practice field.

There were several knights on the practice field, so when they moved to aside not to get in the way, I took out the soapy bubbles we obtained from Bubble Archelon.

“Wow! What is that!”

“So soft~”

The soapy bubbles remain for a while than naturally break in case the Bubble Archelon escapes. Also, in case the Bubble Archelon is defeated, the soapy bubbles will disappear the moment it's defeated.

But however, the soapy bubbles stored in my 《Infinite Storage》 remained even after the Bubble Archelons were defeated.

Moreover, they won't break no matter what. It didn't burst even when I tried stabbing a knife into it.

Therefore, it became a firm but soft, light rubber balloon.

“Try lightly hitting it with your hand while facing us”

“Like this? —There!”

When Theodore-kun slaps the balloon—*poyon*, the balloon floated and flew towards us.

“Allen. Hit it towards Latis-kun just as it is. Lightly, okay?”

“Yes~”

When Allen hit the floating balloon, it flew towards Latis-kun this time.

“Latis-kun, hit it towards Elena next”

“Yes! —There!”

“Nice! Elena, towards Theodore-kun next, okay?”

“Yess”

Understanding the way to play, the children hit the balloon one after another.

“They are playing with something amusing~ Takumi, what’s that?”

Wald-sama who tagged along with us to the practice field showed interest in the Bubble Archelon’s soapy bubble the children were playing with. This world has many plants, monsters, and mysterious materials, but something like a rubber hasn’t spread around, so they must find it curious.

“That’s the foam? that Bubble Archelen releases, isn’t it?”

“Haa!? Wait a moment! That foam which bursts on touch? Why is it staying in shape!”

“Well~ it was in the way when we were defeating it, so I tried to store it in my 《Infinite Storage》, but it stayed in the 《Infinite Storage》 even after defeating it and turned out like that when I took it out~ it didn’t break even after trying to pierce it with sharp tools, so I thought there wouldn’t be a problem to play with it”

“That means that you have defeated a Bubble Archelon, doesn’t it? They normally escape!”

“...That’s a Takumi-san like method of defeating it, isn’t it?”

When I convey how we defeated the Bubble Archelon, Wald-sama and Isaac-san looked at me tiredly.

No I mean, if I am to tidy up the soapy bubbles that cover my field of vision, storing them into the 《Infinite Storage》 would be fastest~

“Takumi, if you still have some, lend me one”

“Ah, yes”

When I retrieved one soapy bubble and handed it over to Wald-sama, both Wald-sama and Isaac-san started to touch it and inspecting it.

“...It really won’t break”

When Wald-sama grabbed the soapy bubble in both of his hands and put strength into it, it only changed shape but didn’t break.

“To only deform after Captain grabbed it with all of his strength... it’s quite durable, isn’t it? It looks like a usable material. Researchers would be charmed”

“Right. Oy, Takumi. Do you have a lot?”

“Well, I have a reasonable amount. Do you know the approximate amount of soapy bubbles Bubble Archleon releases when being confronted? Not in the accurate meaning but an estimation”

“Yeah”

“if you multiply it by ten-odd times, can you understand the quantity?”

“...Yeah. I understand that you have quite a lot”

Precisely. I have quite a lot soapy bubbles in the 《Infinite Storage》 .

When encountering Bubble Archelon, it will release these bubbles without a doubt. And I collected them every time, didn’t I~

“Takumi-san, could you possibly sell us some?”

“I will give them to you?”

“That’s no good. Because it’s for research purposes. If we don’t properly pay here, it would become troublesome if we find a useful utility. I don’t think that would happen with Takumi-san as partner, but it’s not good to break the premise”

I see. If the material’s owner isn’t properly confirmed, once a use for it is found, a dispute over the profits would occur.

I think it would change ownership to whomever I “gave” it to, but there would be people who would argue, wouldn’t there~

“If that’s the case, I understand. Shall I leave the decision about its value to you?”

“Thank you very much. For the time being, I would be happy if you could give me

couple now and a few once we are in the capital”

“I have quite a lot, so there’s no problem—oops”

While talking with Isaac-san about the soapy bubbles, I felt a light impact from behind.

“N? Allen and Elena? What’s the matter?”

“Together”

“Let’s play~”

“Takumi-san, this is amusing. Uncle~ How about Uncle too?”

“Wald-sama, let’s have a contest!”

The four children who were playing by themselves came to invite us. Latis-kun challenged Wald-sama to a match.

“What to do?”

I said while glancing at Wald-sama and Isaac-san.

“Alright! Pipsqueaks, I will keep you company!”

“That’s right. One should occasionally keep the children company”

Eventually, it turned out to four children VS Wald-sama and Wald-sama played with the children until the day got dark.

CHAPTER 88

EVENING DRINK

We were joined by Wald-sama and Isaac-san on that day's dinner, it was very lively.

For dinner, we had scallops that had the appearances of razor clam and turban shell called Yard shellfish with butter and soy sauce, fish meunière seasoned with curry spice and vegetable sticks with mayonnaise.

The chef of the Risner House Ryan-san repeated trial and error until he gradually started increasing the size of the menu.

Wald-sama and Isaac-san who have never seen such dishes were surprised.

I thought Cedric-san would let them know in a letter, but it appears he bragged only until the jelly. The reason for that was a letter about the newly discovered dungeon, Wald-sama and Isaac-san have been then contacted by the capital, leading them to quickly depart from Shirin.

And, they have arrived in Bailey just today.

So that means, as I thought, Cedric-san knew that Wald-sama and Isaac-san were coming here.

“So good~”

“It's very delicious”

The two were very satisfied with the new dishes.

And, after that, only the adults were left behind for a few drinks.

“Ou, are the pipsqueaks alright~,”

“Well, somehow... they were a bit grumpy though”

Adults only, meaning that Allen and Elena aren't here. I somehow persuaded them and put them to sleep in the room we are borrowing.

Just in case, I summoned Joule and others and had them sleep together with Allen and Elena.

“They basically cling to you after all~”

“It can’t be helped considering the environment and circumstances they were brought up in though. But, they became able to be separated from you in a little period of time like this, so I’m certainly seeing that they are growing up little by little”

It’s as Isaac-san said, although it’s little by little, I think that Allen and Elena are properly growing up.

The two should have been in a terrible environment. Despite that, those children are growing pure and obedient. That is very joyous.

“The environment they were brought up in, is it?”

Ah, I haven’t told Allen’s and Elena’s past to Cedric-san yet.

“Allen and Elena were orphans and they have been in a rather bad environment”

“Was that so... Then, they are not related by blood with Takumi-san...”

Cedric-san was surprised from the bottom of his heart, that’s what I felt.

Does it mean he saw us as a genuine family? That is wonderful!

“Takumi and the twins are so like family that blood relations are irrelevant after all!”

Then, Wald-sama affirmed just what I was thinking about.

“Wald-sama, thank you very much. I’m very happy hearing you say that”

“I see, I see! Here, Takumi. You usually don’t drink much, right? Drink and drink today!”

“That’s true. Ah, right. Won’t you try drinking this?”

I took out several bottles of the brandy I drew in the dungeon.

On the way back, I saw stylish bottles in a store we happened to pass, so I bought them

and transferred the brandy from the cask into them.

“N? What’s that?”

“Takumi-san, this is?”

“It’s alcohol. I think it probably is a rare one but”

“What!? A rare alcohol! Let’s drink it at once”

When I conveyed that it’s a rare alcohol, Wald-sama rejoiced and immediately picked up the bottle and poured the brandy into glasses.

“What a beautiful color. It’s similar to the ale but... it’s something different, isn’t it? The fragrance is different”

“That’s right. I haven’t smelled such fragrance before”

“This is an alcohol called brandy”

“I have never heard of it”

“Yeah”

Judging by the reaction, as I thought, brandy is not an alcohol that appears on the market.

“So good”

“This is quite strong alcohol, isn’t it?”

“Indeed”

The four of us promptly drank the brandy, but drinking it straight is indeed intense. I wish I had prepared ice~

However, it seems it suited their tastes, so the reaction was quite favorable.

“This alcohol might be too strong to drink as is. This is an alcohol that drinks little by little after diluting it with water or putting in ice”

“I think it’s fine as it is, but such way of drinking also doesn’t sound bad”

“I see, cooling it with ice would change the taste”

“That’s so, isn’t it? I will prepare the ice”

Oh, ice can be easily prepared, I see~ Although there seem to be refrigerator and freezer magic tools, they should cost quite a large sum. Well, this is the mansion of the feudal lord after all. They surely have it.

Or are there cold rooms or something? That, or people who can make it with ice magic?

Let’s have Joule make ice water and store it in the 《Infinite Storage》 ... N? No, freezing the water with life magic’s 《Freeze》 should be good enough?

Speaking of ice, I would like to make shaved ice or ice cream. It’s still warm so it should be fine as the children’s snack. Ah~ but I have no tool for shaving ice. It seems that patience would be needed if shaving with a knife.

Ice cream should be alright? Ice cream can be made by mixing egg yolks with sugar and cream and thoroughly stirring while freezing.

Pudding should be fine too since it has similar ingredients? Steaming time, the amount of milk and the firmness would need adjustments, but I should be able to do it with a few trial and errors.

“Takumi, where does this alcohol come from?”

While thinking about making new snacks, Wald-sama asked about the alcohol’s producing area? No, a store I bought it from?

“N? Ah, this is something that springs out in the Dungeon of Ripples”

When I honestly answered thinking that there’s no need to hide it——

“““Haa?””“

The surprised voices of the three people overlapped.

“Incidentally, it’s on the twenty-eight floor”

“““Haaa!?”“““

Their voices overlapped again. The three are perfectly in sync, aren’t they~

“Wait a moment! Twenty-eight floor, you say? I’m certain I heard that this dungeon has thirty floors but, perhaps...”

“N? If it’s about the capture then we already finished? The boss was a Little Kraken”

“““Haaaaa!?”“““

Un, they really are on the same wavelength.

“Oyoyoy! Are you saying you have captured the newly discovered dungeon in such a short term! Moreover, a Little Kraken? Are you saying you defeated that!?”

“Well, yeah”

Wald-sama looked at me with tired eyes.

“Haa...”

“Takumi-san...”

Isaac-san and Cedric-san sighed deeply.

I wonder what is it, this reaction... isn’t it too cruel?

“By the way, Takumi-san. Do you still have some of this alcohol?”

“N? Ah, yes. I have drawn as much as I could, so I do have reasonable amount?”

“Then, how about offering it to His Majesty when you go to the capital?”

“Eh!? An offering, is it? This alcohol?”

“Yes, I think it’s satisfactory article. It’s a taste we haven’t experienced before. I will prepare a worthy bottle”

Huh? Did Cedric-san tell me to present it just now?

Come to think of it, he sent a letter about the dungeon discovery before, but I feel like I heard that the feudal lord which is Cedric-san has to report to the capital personally... is he not going?

“Didn’t Cedric-san have plans to go to the capital as well?”

“Yes, it was decided that Isaac will attend the audience as my proxy”

“I’m also Risner after all”

“Because you will have the audience together, it would be better for Takumi-san to present the offering”

Ah, so it has been arranged like that~ Indeed, if Isaac-san is going to the capital for an audience, there’s no need for Cedric-san to expressly go too~

“Isn’t it fine to leave it for later. Let’s drink now~”

“Seriously, Captain is...”

“Well, Isaac. It’s as Ruven-dono said, it’s not something to talk about while drinking, let’s talk about this at a later”

“...You are right”

“Hahaha~”

We decided to enjoy the alcohol for now because of Wald-sama’s complaint and decided to make the arrangements another day.

CHAPTER 89

HORSEBACK RIDING

“Good morning”

“Ou, morning, Takumi. You don’t seem to be hungover”

“Yes, I’m fine”

I drank quite a lot last night, but I didn’t become hungover. The alcohol was considerably strong though. Whether it’s thanks to the body Syl made or the 【Abnormal Status Resistance】 skill, that I don’t know...

Well, at any rate, I won’t be showing a disgraceful behavior anymore after drinking, so if you ask if I feel relieved, then yes.

“Wald-sama seems to be fine as well. Even though you drank so much...”

“I could easily do double of that”

Wald-sama drank so much alcohol I couldn’t even compare myself to him. And yet, he’s without any signs of a hangover.

“Good morning”

“Good morning. Takumi-san, Captain is a bottomless drinker, so it’s not necessary to worry about him”

I see. Wald-sama is “someone who can drink like a fish” huh...

While not to the extent of Wald-sama, Cedric-san and Isaac-san should have drunk quite a lot too. And yet it seems that they don’t have any problems. These two must be rather strong with alcohol too.

No, the current me is not an exception. Far from being able to drink like a fish, I “might” be a fish.

“Here, you two sit down on a chair”

““Muu~””

On the other hand, Allen and Elena whom I have separated for the night have been clinging to me from the moment they opened their eyes. And presently, they are glued to my legs. Solidly at that.

I might have separated from them after putting them to sleep, but I have returned while they were sleeping though~ It seems even that was no good.

“Oh? From the looks of it, they must have been quite lonely last night”

“Looks like it. Allen-kun, Elena-san. We have prepared French toasts, so cheer up please”

“N? Furennh toasts?”

As if Isaac-san has been expecting this situation, he was somewhat able to loosen the children’s expressions.

It appears he discussed this smart move with Cedric-san and had the two’s favorite French toasts prepared for the breakfast.

Rather, Isaac-san seems to be showing a greater interest in the French toasts than the children though...

After Allen and Elena ate the French toasts which were matched with fruit jelly, their moods somewhat returned to normal.

Taking such two with me, I went with Wald-sama and Isaac-san to the practice field.

I was asked about today’s plans during the breakfast, but when I replied with “nothing in particular,” we have decided to practice the horseback riding at once.

When we arrived at the practice field, I decided to summon Joule and others for the future’s sake and introduce them to Wald-sama and Isaac-san. Of course, everyone except Bolt were in their small forms.

“Oh, those are Takumi’s contracted beasts?”

They immediately caught Wald-sama's interest.

"Joule and Bolt!"

[Kyan]

[Pii]

Allen introduced Joule and Bolt,

"Feat and Vector~"

[Naa~]

[Garu]

while Elena introduced Feat and Vector to Wald-sama and Isaac-san.

The introduced contracted beasts cheerfully replied in turns.

"If I'm not mistaken, they are Fenrir, Celestial Tiger, Scarlett King Leo, and Thunderhawk, right... They might not be adults yet, but to gather so much monsters of such ranks..."

"O, ou... they seem extremely smart and considerably obedient too. It's my first time seeing contracted beasts, but are all contracted beasts like that?"

"By no means. Even though they are contracted, they are still monsters, so they will threaten anyone who approaches them with the exception of their contractor. Otherwise, they will show no interest and stay indifferent. Showing such friendly attitude like this should be quite unusual"

"Our children are very smart, so I don't think they would threaten people we introduce them to. Well, playing pranks is a different thing though"

If unknown people approached our children without permission, I do think that they would threaten them.

Besides, they would play pranks on them and I can't deny the possibility of counterattacking a threat.

《Everyone, the red-haired man is Wald-sama and the silver-haired man is Isaac-san. They will be moving with us from now on, so be sure to remember them》

《Un, got it~》

《Yes~ Niisama, Bolt and Vector are saying they [Understood~] too》

When I tell everyone to remember Wald-sama and Isaac-san via telepathy, Joule and Feat who are able to use telepathy replied. Feat even conveyed Bolt's and Vector's words.

"If the other party does something first, it will be taken as a legitimate self-defense and there won't be a need for Takumi-san to bear any responsibility, but in cases like these, I request you not to kill the other party"

"I understand. Everyone does too, right?"

[Kyan]

[Nnaa~]

[Pii]

[Garu]

I think it will be all right as I have told them to act without killing during the bandit subjugation, but when I reminded them just in case, all four animals replied in acknowledgment.

"...They really understand what we are saying, don't they?"

"Yeah, they properly understand"

Isaac-san started seriously examining Joule and others.

"Uoh!"

At that time, Vector started playfully coiling between Wald-sama's feet.

Surprised by Vector's actions, Wald-sama raised his voice.

“Hey, Vector. Come back and be obedient, alright?”

[Garu~]

“Uoh~ that startled me~”

“Sorry about that”

“No, I don’t mind. Rather than that, Takumi. We should begin soon”

When Vector separated from Wald-sama’s feet, Wald-sama called for a stable boy? that was holding the reins of a Dapple-gray horse, and he received the reins from him.

“We will use this horse for practice”

“She’s a mare, isn’t she? Wald-sama, what is her name?”

“She seems to be called Caterina. She is apparently this mansion’s most docile horse”

I made eye contact with Caterina and stared. Then, Caterina lightly lowered her head. Because I somewhat felt like Caterina was telling me “pet me,” I approached her and when I tried to gently pet her forehead, Caterina let herself be petted without disliking it, so I apparently met her demand.

“I heard that she’s a docile horse, but to let her guard down this quickly... if it’s like this, you might manage to get on her quickly too”

“Really? That would be nice”

Wald-sama presented me the reins, so I received them and moved to Caterina’s side.

“Fufu. Does it feel good?”

Caterina was a really friendly horse as she told me who moved to her side to pet her neck some more.

“Alright! Then, Takumi, try getting on”

“...”

No, try getting on, you say... I don't know the way of getting on though...

“Captain... you would normally explain the way of getting on here”

It seems that Isaac-san who was observing Joule and others heard Wald-sama's words, so he interrupted while looking at Wald-sama exhaustedly.

I know, right? There's no way the explanation would end with “then, try getting on” right?

“Ohh, that's right. Well, that. Put one of your legs in the stirrup and get on with a heave-ho feeling!”

““...”“

Ehh? Is that all? Is the explanation over? Wouldn't it be impossible to get on with just that? It's not that my comprehension is insufficient, right?

When I turned towards Isaac-san intending to confirm, Isaac-san placed his hand on his forehead as if his head was hurting and hung his head. Wald-sama's explanation was completely no good, wasn't it?

Yeah, asking Wald-sama to teach me might have been a failure in itself.

“Takumi-san, I will be guiding you from here on out”

“Isaac-san, please”

Isaac-san who recovered told me he will be instructing me now, so I gratefully accepted.

“What!? Why!?”

“Everyone, Wald-sama said he will play with you, so be sure to keep him company with all you've got, okay~”

““Yes~”“

[Kyan]

[Nnaa]

[Pii]

[Garun♪]

After that, we ignored Wald-sama who was shouting in protest and the children who were slightly further away started charging at Wald-sama as soon as they were told.

“Uwaa! Wa, wait a moment~!”

The children would be bored just by watching my horseback riding practice after all. They would have fun if Wald-sama played with them.

“Like this, the children won’t be bored. We will get in the way of the children’s playing here, shall we move away a bit?”

“Let’s do that”

Isaac-san nodded to my good judgment too, so we moved out of the way a little after urging Caterina.

After that, I have received Isaac-san’s guidance and his coaching was very easy to understand. How to mount a horse, where to hold the saddle, to be cautious not to pull on the reins, he gave me precise instructions. Thanks to that, I was able to safely obtain 【Horseback Riding】 skill.

Next, I tried riding while placing the children in front of me and we were able to safely ride together if it’s only one of them. If I practice several times more, I will be able to receive an authorization to move on the horse all the way to the capital.

That being the case, we have decided to move to the capital not on the carriage but on horseback instead, but as I thought, letting both Allen and Elena on would be impossible. I have to think measures for that, but... would it be all right if it’s Isaac-san~?

Well, let’s think about it carefully.

CHAPTER 90

SHOPPING

The horseback riding practice was over by this morning. Isaac-san told me that it would be better to train some ten-odd minutes every day rather than trying to learn all at once.

Come to think of it, I think I heard that inner thighs and butt hurt while horseback riding, but I didn't have such problem... Was it perhaps thanks to the 【Physical Attack Resistance】 ? Although it's not an attack, there's no doubt that the grazing is caused by a physical thing, right?

Well, at any rate, I'm glad it saved me from any physical abnormality.

In the afternoon, I went to get the furniture I ordered.

A table and chairs big enough to use as a kitchen table for meals, a stool for Allen and Elena, beds, etc. I have ordered everything essential that came to mind and all of that is completed, so I came to get it and pay.

After that, I went to the Fiji Company. When I entered inside, the branch manager immediately rushed out from inside.

"If this isn't Takumi-sama. Welcome, welcome"

I saw one shop assistant run in panic deeper inside the store when we entered, he must have gone to inform branch manager.

"Hello. For Branch Manager-san to come out expressly for me, thank you very much"

"No, no, Takumi-sama is this store's important customer. It's my privilege to keep you company. So, what kind of business do you have with us today? Did you perhaps encounter inconvenience because of that spice matter?"

"No, I left the decisions about the spice matter to Cedric-san, so I have no problems... I was thinking if it were possible for me to see the goods in the warehouse today again. Sorry for the sudden request"

The reason I came here is because I heard that Kahee beans are imported from Serdik and other countries, so I thought of getting as much as I can.

When I came to this company the last time, we realized that the ship I recovered from the mermaid village was Fiji Company's, so because of that, I saw only one part of the warehouse.

"Ohh! If that's the case, I don't mind at all"

I'm glad. Last time, we were shown to the warehouse because we came with Cedric-san and others. I thought there would be a possibility of being rejected if it's just us, but it seems he will guide us inside.

"Takumi-sama, do you perhaps have an interest in imported goods like the Kahee beans?"

"Yeah, that's exactly it. Could you let me see if you have such articles?"

"If that's the case, I will present you the goods centering around such articles. Also, let's see... How about a few dungeon items that don't usually appear on the market?"

It appears the branch manager properly understands what I desire.

However, there's something else I want to see in this store.

"Also, I'm sorry for the way I put it, but I would like you to show me things that aren't demanded that much"

"Things that aren't demanded, is it?"

Branch Manager-san was making a wondering expression. In addition to 'What is he planning to do with that?' However——

"Yes, something like the soy sauce from before"

Now, the customers wanting to purchase soy sauce increased, but it should have been completely unpopular product before. Even if they are unpopular in this world, there

might be products that I would want.

“Ohh! Which reminds me, it was Takumi-sama who identified the way of using soy sauce! I see, I see. I understand. I, Kashim, will take the responsibility of showing you the goods!”

The branch manager——Kashim-san must have determined that I was the source of the butter and soy sauce scallops and the soy sauce boom.

Moreover, from his expression, he seems determined and full of expectations of discovering an unpopular product.

“This way first, please”

Without a delay, Kashim-san guided us to the warehouse and immediately presented the goods.

The first thing he showed me was a fruit from Serdik called “Nana fruit”. They were several of lightly curved, long and narrow fruits.

As a matter of fact, Nanas are harvested when they are yellow and unripe, the skin turning red is an indication, and the white insides are eaten.

Most of the fruits here were orange and not ripe yet, but Kashim-san peeled a completely ripe and red one, and let us sample it.

“This is...”

““Delish~””

The skin and color are different, but the shape and taste is the same taste of bananas that I know.

Moreover, it was without any grassiness with a considerable sugary content, it was good.

“It’s sweet and easy to eat so it’s reasonably popular, but it’s quite difficult to handle. Even though we are careful, we often mistake the ripe period...”

Kashim-san's explanation included characteristics that were in the bananas I know as well.

Allen and Elena seem to like Nana fruit too, so I would definitely like to buy them.

"Kashim-san, the Nanas you have here are actually still not completely ripe, but do you still have ripe ones like the one we had just now?"

"Y, yes... ripe ones are stored in a different storage area, so we have them?"

I see, they have them in a different place. In that case——

"If possible, could you sell me all the ripe ones you have?"

"Takumi-sama, even those here will get spoiled in seven-eight days. The completely ripe ones won't last longer than two or three days. I'm really happy that you want to purchase them but I can't recommend buying them in such large quant... ——!!"

Kashim-san suddenly stopped talking and fixedly stared at my face.

"—— 《Infinite Storage》 !"

Kashim-san is aware that I'm able to use the 《Infinite Storage》 , so even if I purchase the completely ripe Nana fruits, I won't have to worry about them rotting once I put them inside the 《Infinite Storage》 .

"Yes. Therefore, If I had to choose, I think the completely ripe ones would be better"

"Did you say all of them?"

Kashim-san looked at me with expectations.

"I would be troubled if rotting ones were among them though"

“Of course, I have no intentions of handing such things over to Takumi-san... I have no intention, but are you buying if they are precisely good for eating?”

“Yes”

“P, please! Of course, I will sell it cheaply!”

Oh, it seems he will sell it cheaply.

Well, if he didn't sell it now, the people here would have to eat it themselves or they would have to dispose of it. If you are going to sell that, might as well reduce the price.

After that, he showed me “Koko Fruit” which was a light brown, hard fruit the size of a soccer ball.

There is apparently a whitish liquid similar to a milk inside. Therefore, I judged that that's a coconut and the liquid inside is coconut milk.

But, from my memory, the liquid in the palm fruit is transparent—coconut juice and coconut milk is the result of manufacturing, but... well, let's agree that the thing itself is here.

The children seemed to like the Koko fruit, so I bought some.

I have also bought several dungeon-made products, it was quite a harvest.

“Come to think of it, are you registered in the Merchant's Guild, Takumi-sama?”

“No, I'm not”

“Is that so? Then, may I ask you to register before long? It will still take some time until the curry spices will start selling, but we are going to pay Takumi-sama as soon as they sell”

That reminds me, Cedric-san told me to register in the Merchant's Guild as well.

Once registered, you can receive money in every region of the country through the Merchant's Guild. It's like the bank thing in the Adventurer's Guild.

In my case, the Merchant registration will be added to the Adventurer registration, and the accounts can be apparently merged.

“I understand. I will go and register after this”

“Thank you”

Just a registration will finish immediately, so let's go and register before returning~



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